OASIS Item Guidance Medications

(M2010) Patient/Caregiver High Risk Drug Education: Has the patient/caregiver received instruction on special precautions for all high-risk medications (such as hypoglycemics, anticoagulants, etc.) and how and when to report problems that may occur? □ 0 - No □ 1 - Yes □ NA - Patient not taking any high risk drugs OR patient/caregiver fully knowledgeable about special precautions associated with all high-risk medications

ITEM INTENT

Identifies if clinicians instructed the patient and/or caregiver about all high-risk medications the patient takes. High-risk medications are those identified by quality organizations (Institute for Safe Medication Practices, JCAHO, etc.) as having considerable potential for causing significant patient harm when they are used erroneously.

This item is targeted to high-risk medications as it may be unrealistic to expect that patient education on all medications occur on admission and failure to provide patient education on high-risk medications such as hypoglycemics and anticoagulants (and others) at SOC/ROC could have severe negative impacts on patient safety and health.

This item is used to calculate process measures to capture the agency's use of best practices following the completion of the comprehensive assessment. The best practices stated in the item are not necessarily required in the Conditions of Participation.

TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED

Start of Care

Resumption of Care

RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- Select Response 0 No, if the interventions are not completed as outlined in this item. However, in this case, the care provider should document rationale in the clinical record unless the patient is not taking any drugs.
- Select Response 1 Yes, if high-risk medications are prescribed and education was provided.
- High-risk medications should be identified based on one or more authoritative sources.
- If patient/caregiver is fully knowledgeable about special precautions associated with high-risk medications, select "NA."
- If agency staff other than the clinician responsible for completing the SOC/ROC OASIS provided education to the patient/caregiver on high-risk medications, this information must be communicated to the clinician responsible for the SOC/ROC OASIS assessment so that the appropriate response for M2010 may be selected. This collaboration does not violate the requirement that the comprehensive patient assessment is the responsibility of, and ultimately must be completed by one clinician.

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DATA SOURCES / RESOURCES (cont'd for OASIS Item M2010)

- Clinical record
- Communication notes
- Medication list
- Plan of care
- Discussions with other agency staff responsible for educating patient/caregivers on medications.
- Sources to identify high-risk medications for the purposes of responding to this item can include the ISMP
 High Alert Medication List, Beer's Criteria, Joint Commission's High Alert Medication lists, or other
 authoritative resources. Links to resources for identifying high-risk medications can be found in Chapter 5 of
 this manual.