OASIS Item Guidance Medications

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<ul> <li>(M2015) Patient/Caregiver Drug Education Intervention: Since the previous OASIS assessment, was the patient/caregiver instructed by agency staff or other health care provider to monitor the effectiveness of drug therapy, drug reactions, and side effects, and how and when to report problems that may occur?</li> <li>□ 0 - No</li> <li>□ 1 - Yes</li> <li>□ NA - Patient not taking any drugs</li> </ul>

## **ITEM INTENT**

Identifies if clinicians instructed the patient/caregiver about how to manage medications effectively and safely.

Drug education interventions for M2015 should address all medications the patient is taking – prescribed and over-the-counter – by any route.

Effective, safe management of medications includes knowledge of effectiveness, potential side effects and drug reactions, and when to contact the appropriate care provider.

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

Transfer to an inpatient facility

Discharge from agency - not to an inpatient facility

## **RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

- If the interventions are not completed as outlined in this item, select Response 0 No. However, in this case, the care provider should document rationale in the clinical record.
- The timeframe should be considered at or since the time of the previous OASIS assessment.

## **DATA SOURCES / RESOURCES**

- Review of clinical record including teaching guidelines, flow sheets, clinical notes, etc.
- Medication list
- Plan of care
- Discussions with other agency staff responsible for educating patient/caregivers on medications
- Links to a resource for drug information can be found in Chapter 5 of this manual.