



## January 2024 CMS Quarterly OASIS Q&As

### Category 2

**Question 1: The Home Health Final Rule for Calendar Year 2024 finalized the removal of OASIS items M0110 - Episode Timing, M2200 - Therapy Need and the GG Discharge goals in 2025 but does not specify when exactly these items would be removed. Can CMS please provide the date for when these items will be removed from OASIS and if these changes, along with adding the new COVID item, will result in a new version of OASIS (OASIS-F)? Do providers still need to continue to complete these items until they are removed from the OASIS, or can a dash be used?**

**Answer 1:** CMS plans to remove M0110 - Episode Timing and M2200 - Therapy Need and the GG Discharge Goals from the OASIS instrument effective January 1, 2025. At this time the new COVID item will be added.

Data collection using the OASIS-E1 version of the instrument will begin with OASIS assessments with a M0090 date on or after January 1, 2025.

Until these items are removed from OASIS, providers should continue to complete them following the item specific guidance found in the OASIS-E Guidance Manual - Updated January 1, 2024.

### Category 4b

#### O0110

**Question 2: When is IV access used for, or during, hemodialysis considered for O011001 - IV Access?**

**For example, a patient has an AV fistula and IV access is temporarily obtained during hemodialysis at an outside dialysis center. Would the IV access be considered for O011001, or would it be excluded since it is only accessed during dialysis, similar to the exclusions with medications and transfusions that were administered during dialysis in item O0110?**

**Answer 2:** If there is a current IV access in place at the time of assessment that is used for dialysis or during dialysis for another purpose, for example a central venous catheter, then check O011001 - Special Treatments, Procedures and Programs; IV Access.

An AV fistula, whether it is being accessed or not, does not meet the definition of IV Access for O011001.

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