



October 2024 CMS Quarterly OASIS Q&As

Category 1

Question 1: With OASIS data collection required for all patients regardless of payer starting July 1, 2025, will all OASIS data be used for quality or payment initiatives?

Answer 1: CMS will analyze and monitor the all-payer OASIS data before making any decisions on if, how, and when the data may be used.

Any updates will be announced on the [HHQRP Spotlight and Announcement](#) webpage and/or through future rulemaking.

Category 2

Question 2: When a new Start of Care (SOC) OASIS is required for an active home health patient due to a payer change, is an RN required to complete the SOC OASIS if multiple disciplines are active at the time of the new SOC?

Answer 2: When an active patient is receiving both nursing and rehabilitation therapy services and experiences a payer change mid-episode that requires a new Start of Care (SOC) OASIS, CMS recommends, but does not require, that the RN complete the SOC comprehensive assessment including OASIS.

Category 4

A1250

Question 3: If a patient uses an interpreter to provide the responses for the OASIS item A1250 - Transportation, does this mean the patient is unable to respond, and both Code X - Patient unable to respond and the information obtained from the interpreter should be coded?

Answer 3: When a patient responds in their preferred language with the use of an interpreter, this is considered a patient response. You would not code X - Patient unable to respond. Patients may respond to questions in English, or in their preferred language with the assistance of an interpreter.

This document is intended to provide guidance on OASIS questions that were received by CMS help desks. Responses contained in this document may be time-limited and may be superseded by guidance published by CMS at a later date.

O0110

Question 4: Should laryngectomy care be coded under O0110E1 - Tracheostomy care?

Answer 4: Laryngectomy care is included in O0110E1 - Tracheostomy care.