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Meet the New Survey, Certification and Credentialing Commissioner

On December 11, 2015, then Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Kari Bruffett announced the appointment of Codi Thurness to serve as the new Commissioner for Survey, Certification and Credentialing at KDADS.

Codi has extensive professional experience in adult care facility administration, Medicare and Medicaid benefits processes, and case management for individuals with disabilities.

A graduate of Kansas State University, she previously served as administrator of the Stoneybrook Retirement Community in Manhattan, Kansas, was the operations leader, household coordinator and executive assistant to the president of Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community in Manhattan, and worked at KETCH, an I/DD service provider in Wichita, as a targeted case manager.

Codi will be a great asset to the agency and to the people we serve. We welcome Codi to the KDADS team and look forward to working with her.

Codi's first day was January 4, 2016.



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Possible Changes to the 2016 Minimum Data Set

New PPS Part A End of Stay Assessment

When a resident discharges from traditional Medicare Part A, a Nursing Home and Swing Bed PPS Part A Discharge (End of Stay) (NPE/SPE) item set will be required.

MDS Section A Changes

New item A0310H: To identify the new assessment type indicated above, A0310H will be added. It asks, “Is this a SNF PPS Part A Discharge (End of Stay) Assessment?” The answer options are 0 (No) and 1 (Yes).

MDS Section C Changes

Change to item C0500, Summary Score: The label “Summary Score” will be changed to “BIMS Summary Score.”

Section GG Changes

New MDS section GG, “Functional Abilities and Goals,” will be added: The new item GG0130, Self-Care, is captured on admission to PPS Part A and then again at discharge. It includes an assessment of the resident’s admission performance and discharge goal for eating, oral hygiene, and toileting. At discharge from PPS Part A, the assessor will evaluate the discharge performance again and score item GG0130.

The new item GG0170, Mobility, is captured on admission to PPS Part A and then again at discharge. It includes an assessment of the resident’s admission performance and discharge goal for how the resident moves from sitting to lying and from lying to sitting on the side of the bed. This item also includes how the resident moves from sitting to standing and in chair, bed, and toilet transfers, and measures a variety of walking skills.

The scoring for both GG0130 and GG0170 items is a 6-point scale, with independent being a 6 and dependent being a 1. This is the opposite of the current item G0110, Activities of Daily Living Assistance, in which independent is scored as 0 and total dependence as 4. Facility staff who complete these sections of the MDS will need to pay close attention to the new scoring rules. A sample of a portion of the new section GG is on right.

Section GG		Functional Abilities and Goals - Admission (Start of SNF PPS Stay)
GG0130. Self-Care (Assessment period is days 1 through 3 of the SNF PPS Stay starting with A2400B) Complete only if A0310B = 01		
Code the resident's usual performance at the start of the SNF PPS stay for each activity using the 6-point scale. If activity was not attempted at the start of the SNF PPS stay, code the reason. Code the patient's end of SNF PPS stay goal(s) using the 6-point scale.		
Coding:		
Safety and Quality of Performance - If helper assistance is required because resident's performance is unsafe or of poor quality, score according to amount of assistance provided. Activities may be completed with or without assistive devices.		If activity was not attempted, code reason: 07. Resident refused. 09. Not applicable. 88. Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns.
06. Independent - Resident completes the activity by him/herself with no assistance from a helper. 05. Setup or clean-up assistance - Helper SETS UP or CLEANS UP; resident completes activity. Helper assists only prior to or following the activity. 04. Supervision or touching assistance - Helper provides VERBAL CUES or TOUCHING/STEADYING assistance as resident completes activity. Assistance may be provided throughout the activity or intermittently. 03. Partial/moderate assistance - Helper does LESS THAN HALF the effort. Helper lifts, holds, or supports trunk or limbs, but provides less than half the effort. 02. Substantial/maximal assistance - Helper does MORE THAN HALF the effort. Helper lifts or holds trunk or limbs and provides more than half the effort. 01. Dependent - Helper does ALL of the effort. Resident does none of the effort to complete the activity. Or the assistance of 2 or more helpers is required for the resident to complete the activity.		
1. Admission Performance ↓ Enter Codes in Boxes ↓	2. Discharge Goal ↓ Enter Codes in Boxes ↓	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	A. Eating: The ability to use suitable utensils to bring food to the mouth and swallow food once the meal is presented on a table/tray. Includes modified food consistency.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	B. Oral hygiene: The ability to use suitable items to clean teeth. [Dentures (if applicable): The ability to remove and replace dentures from and to the mouth, and manage equipment for soaking and rinsing them.]
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	C. Toileting hygiene: The ability to maintain perineal hygiene, adjust clothes before and after using the toilet, commode, bedpan, or urinal. If managing an ostomy, include wiping the opening but not managing equipment.

Section M Changes

Adding items M0300B, M0300C, M0300D, M0300E, M0300F, and M0300G to the Nursing Home Discharge (ND), Nursing Home OMRA/Discharge (NOD) item set: Question 2, “Number of these Stage [1–4] pressure ulcers that were present upon admission/entry or reentry—enter how many were noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry” will be added to the discharge item sets and the new Part A End of Stay assessment. (The comprehensive, quarterly, and PPS item sets already contain these items.)

Section N Changes

Change to N0410: The instructions for item N0410 will change from “Indicate the number of DAYS the resident received the following medications during the last 7 days” to “Indicate the number of DAYS the resident received the following medications by pharmacological classification, not how it is used, during the last 7 days.” ■

KDADS Awards Grants to Strengthen Service Delivery

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Interim Secretary Tim Keck announced Tuesday that the agency's Survey, Certification and Credentialing Commission has awarded four Work Enforcement training grants for 2016.

"The purpose of these grants is to improve the job skills and knowledge of workers in nursing facilities across the state," Secretary Keck said. "In addition to training staff in the best ways to keep residents in their care safe, the training provided by the grants will focus on ways to provide person-centered care to older Kansans who reside in nursing facilities and strengthen programs that enhance their quality of life."

- The Aging Services Transformation Alliance (ASTRA) in Topeka, a project of LeadingAge Kansas, has received a grant of \$35,340 for a staff and family project that will create a wraparound program for staff and families of nursing home and long-term care hospital units across the state. This training focuses on providing appropriate and prompt care and services to residents.

- Grow with Evergreen Resources for Transforming Innovations (GERTI) in Olathe has received a grant of \$18,900 to develop training entitled "One Day Toward Culture Change." This training will provide nursing facility staff with an overview of person-centered care practices and will offer breakout sessions for specific job categories such as nursing, dietary, administration and nurses' aides. Cultural change for person-centered care involves guiding organizations away from the regimented top-down practices of the traditional model to a new approach based on personalized care/service plans, resident input and actively engaged families. It emphasizes customer service, hospitality and attentiveness to individual needs and preferences and provides resident with real choices across the board in their day-to-day living, relationships, activities, learning, leisure and end-of-life.

- The Kansas Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Topeka has received \$38,181 to deliver the "Dementia Capable Care" education program training to nursing facility staff. This program empowers organization to provide person-centered care that allows

persons with Alzheimer's and related dementias to receive better care and enjoy a better quality of life. The program focuses on what individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias can still do instead of what they can't do. This training is designed to empower staff to provide person-centered care that helps nursing facility residents with cognitive impairments to thrive, not just survive.

- The Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman in Topeka has received \$38,492 to train the administration and staff of 30 Kansas nursing facilities to implement the national "Music & Memory" program. This program is designed to help individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias find renewed meaning and connections in their lives through personalized music. The program trains staff how to set up personalized music playlists, delivered on iPods and other digital devices, for those in their care. These musical favorites tap deep memories not lost to dementia and can help bring participants back to life, enabling them to converse, socialize and stay in the present. ■

PEAK 2.0 Enrolling New Participants

Open enrollment for the PEAK 2.0 program is now open. PEAK 2.0 is a Medicaid pay-for-performance program designed to reward and encourage deep organizational change through the adoption of person-centered care practices. To learn more about the program go to: <http://www.he.k-state.edu/aging/outreach/peak20/2016-17/peak-handbook.pdf>

This program coincides with the state fiscal year, July to June. The enrollment period is open from January 5th to April 30, 2016. New homes or homes that are currently inactive in the program must enroll to participate. It is not necessary for current and active homes to re-enroll in the program. Homes may not enter the program mid-year. To enroll go to:

<http://www.he.k-state.edu/aging/outreach/peak20/>

Questions? Email the Peak 2.0 Project Team at K-State (ksucoa@gmail.com) or call (785) 532-2776. ■

2015 - Exemplary Facilities

Exemplary letters are awarded to facilities that have designated care programs resulting in exemplary resident care and quality-of-life outcomes.

SNF / NF: *Skilled Nursing Facility* ■ **ALF:** *Assisted Living Facility* ■ **ADC:** *Adult Day Care*
RHCF: *Residential Health Care Facility* ■ **HP:** *Home Plus*

Facility	City	Type	Survey Date
Arkansas City Presbyterian Manor	Arkansas City	SNF	5/26/15
Schowalter Villa	Hesston	SNF	10/26/15

2015 - Zero Deficiency Surveys

Facility	City	Type	Survey Date
Marion Assisted Living, LLC	Marion	ALF	8/27/15
Caritas Center, Inc.	Wichita	SNF / NF	9/3/15
Ellinwood Country Living	Ellinwood	HP	9/14/15
Russell Regional Hospital LTCU	Russell	LTCU	9/16/15
Brookdale Salina Fairdale	Salina	ALF	9/21/15
Meadowlark Adult Care Home 6	Wichita	HP	9/24/15
Vintage Park at Gardner LLC	Gardner	ALF	10/5/15
The Windsor of Lawrence	Lawrence	ALF	10/8/15
Schowalter Villa	Hesston	ALF	10/26/15
Redbud Plaza	Onaga	ALF	11/5/15
Andover Court Assisted Living	Andover	ALF	11/9/15
Brighton Place North	Topeka	NFMH	11/12/15
Solomom Valley Manor	Solomon	SNF / NF	12/7/15



Resident Satisfaction Ratings for 2014 and 2015

Visit <http://kdads.ks.gov/provider-home/adult-care-homes> to find the full survey results.