

Minimum Data Set (MDS) Non-Substantive Change Request Justification

Per OMB 0938-1140, the expiration date for MDS 3.0 V 1.17.1 is November 30, 2022. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requesting a non-substantive change request to extend use of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 V 1.17.1 instruments approved in the attached package. This request is in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). In response to the PHE, CMS provided relief to the providers by extending the use of MDS 3.0 V 1.17.1.

Per CMS-5531-IFC, providers can continue using MDS 3.0 V 1.17.1 until October 1 of the year that is at least 2 full fiscal years after the end of the COVID-19 PHE. For example, if the COVID-19 PHE ends on October 20, 2020, providers can continue to use MDS 3.0 V 1.17.1 until October 1, 2023.

CMS informed the provider community about the delay on May 8, 2020. A reference to the announcement can be found on the SNF QRP webpage found here

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Training>

CMS is asking for approval of the previously approved MDS 3.0 V 1.17.1 which the providers are currently using.