

Item A0310E: Policy Change for Correcting Transition Coding

Corrections will not be required for any assessments that have already been completed. Please follow the guidance in the manual.

CMS has re-evaluated the guidance outlined in the October 2010 "MDS 2.0 to MDS 3.0 Transition Document" for the coding of item A0310E. The transition document indicated that the item should be coded as "1" for the initial MDS 3.0 assessment for all existing residents; however, this guidance was overlooked on many of the assessments that were submitted.

During the November 9, 2010 National Provider Call direction was provided indicating that assessments that were coded as a "0" would need to be corrected and resubmitted.

CMS has reconsidered the matter and has concluded that providers Do Not need to submit corrected assessments where item A0310E may have been miscoded. Providers should follow the directions outlined in Chapter 3 Section A of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual for the coding of A0310E from this point further.