

### **MDS 3.0 Alert - Coding of A1600 clarification – April 25, 2011**

Chapter 3, Section A, page A-18 of the RAI Manual defines A1600: Entry Date as “The initial date of admission to the nursing facility, or the date the resident most recently returned to your nursing facility after being discharged.”

The coding instructions on page A-18 direct providers to “Enter the most recent date of entry to this nursing home.”

**Example:**

Rhonda Resident was admitted to the facility on March 10, 2011. (A1600 = 03-10-2011)

Rhonda Resident was discharged return anticipated on March 19, 2011. (A1600 = 03-10-2011)

When Rhonda Resident returned on March 29, 2011, the entry tracking record should have been coded A1600 = 03-29-2011

When the admission was completed with an ARD date of April 10, 2011, it should have been coded as follows

A1600 = 03-29-2011 (“the most recent date of entry to the nursing home”)

Common misperception related to A1600 is that it should be coded as the original admission date.

**Ramification if A1600 is coded incorrectly:**

**If the original admission date is used for A1600 when a resident has multiple discharges and returns prior to the completion of the admission assessment, it may result in:**

1. penalties for Case Mix classifications and
2. may appear as a late assessment for the QIS survey process

**This may also occur with quarterly assessments.**