

*Outcome and ASsessment  
Information Set*

*IMPLEMENTATION  
MANUAL*

*Implementing OASIS  
at a Home Health Agency to  
Improve Patient Outcomes*

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## **PREFACE**

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### **OASIS IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL**

This manual is written to assist home health agency staff incorporate a federally mandated instrument (to assess patients and collect a core set of data) and transmit that data to their State agency. We believe that this data collection instrument helps home health agencies systematically plan for using resources and evaluating how their patients fare during an episode of care.

The manual was first created in the late 1990s, in anticipation to changes in the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoPs). Some modifications were made to the manual in late 2000 - early 2001 following changes in the approach used by Medicare to pay for home health services, i.e., the creation of the Prospective Payment System. Further edits occurred in December 2002 and in June 2006 to reflect new regulatory requirements. The most recent update to the manual occurred in October 2007 in response to the OASIS-B1 (1/2008) instrument changes. These changes are summarized in the "Change Page" documentation provided at the end of chapters, as appropriate. The primary focus remains assisting home health agencies implement and maintain processes to collect and submit OASIS data.

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