

Proposed Web Language for V2.00 Draft Data Specifications

Version 2.00 of the data specifications coincides with the implementation of OASIS-C. OASIS-C and the new data specifications go into effect for all assessments with completion dates (M0090) on or after January 1, 2010. ***These data specifications should be considered provisional or draft and are subject to change until the final specifications are published.***

In addition to the changes related to OASIS-C, a new submission rule will go into effect on January 1, 2010 that applies to ***all*** assessments regardless of version (i.e., OASIS-B1 and OASIS-C). All records submitted on or after January 1, 2010 will be accepted by the Submission System only if Medicare or Medicaid is listed as a payment source. Records that do not list Medicare or Medicaid as a payment source will be rejected by the Submission System. ***This new rule applies to both OASIS-B1 and OASIS-C records.*** This rule is explained in more detail below.

The following changes to the data specifications have been made to accommodate the new version of OASIS:

- Most importantly, many OASIS items have changed in the transition from B1 to C. Many new items have been added and some old items have been deleted. In addition, some items have retained their content but have been assigned new item numbers to put them in the correct order on the data set. Items that have stayed exactly the same (i.e., have retained their item ID and content) have retained their position in the submission body record. Items that have retained their content but changed item IDs have also retained their position in the submission record. Items that were deleted have been replaced by filler. Finally, new items have been assigned positions in the area of the submission record that was formerly occupied by the STATE_DATA field which was never previously used (STATE_DATA occupied 300 characters from bytes 1096 through 1395).
- As a result of all of these item changes, the order of the items in the submission record no longer corresponds well with the order of the items in the data set. Previously, with a few exceptions (items added since the original data specifications release) this correspondence was good. To accommodate these changes, we have added a new field (sort_id) to the table that describes the body record (Body_Record_Definition). Sorting this table on the sort_id field will put the fields in the following “logical order”:
 - All items that are part of the OASIS-C data set will appear in the order they appear in published documents.
 - All control fields (except for filler fields) will follow the data set items.
 - All filler fields will follow the control fields.
 - CRG_RTN (carriage return) and LN_FD (line feed) follow the filler fields.
- The current version of the data specifications describes only those rules that apply to OASIS-C records. Records with a completion date (M0090) on or after January 1, 2010 must conform to the new data specifications. Records with older completion dates (including corrections or inactivations of those earlier records) must be OASIS-B1 records and conform to older versions of the data specifications. Please refer to the appropriate earlier versions of the data specifications for rules applying to such records.
- The exception to the implementation rule described above concerns submission of non-Medicare/non-Medicaid records. Prior to the implementation of OASIS-C, assessments that did not list Medicare or Medicaid as a payment source had all patient identifiers masked. Beginning on January 1, 2010, this requirement has been changed. ***All records submitted on or after January 1, 2010 will be accepted only if Medicare or Medicaid is listed as a payment source. Records that do not list Medicare or Medicaid as a payment source will be rejected by the Submission System. This new rule applies to both OASIS-B1 and OASIS-C records.***

More specifically, the following rules apply to all records submitted on or after January 1, 2010:

If M0150_CPAY_MCARE_FFS=1 **or**
M0150_MCARE_HMO=1 **or**
M0150_CPAY_MCAID_FFS=1 **or**
M0150_MCAID_HMO=1,
then the assessment is considered a Medicare or Medicaid assessment and the record will be accepted by the Submission System (if it has no errors).

If M0150_CPAY_MCARE_FFS=0 **and**
M0150_MCARE_HMO=0 **and**
M0150_CPAY_MCAID_FFS=0 **and**
M0150_MCAID_HMO=0,
then the assessment is considered a non-Medicare/non-Medicaid assessment and the record will be **rejected** by the Submission System (regardless of whether or not it has any errors).

Note also that the control field MASK_VERSION_CD, which was used to indicate when masking was applied, is no longer used and should be blank-filled. Any data submitted in this field will be ignored by the Submission System. All rules in prior versions of the data specifications that involved MASK_VERSION_CD will be ignored beginning on January 1, 2010.

- Several changes have been made to the field-by-field data specifications report:
 - The transition from OASIS-B to OASIS-C produced three groups of data items: (1) items that were unchanged, (2) items that changed item number only (i.e., the content of the item stayed the same), and (3) entirely new items. A new report element (“OASIS B Identifier”) indicates which group each item fell into. OASIS-B1 items that were unchanged in OASIS-C are identified with the notation “*** No Change ***”. New items are indicated by “*** New Item ***”. For items that underwent a numbering change, the name of the corresponding OASIS-B1 item is listed.
 - The label for the section of the report that showed consistency rules was previously named “Consistency Required”. In previous versions of the data specs, many rules contained language such as “if M0100_ASSMT_REASON matches one of the active RFA’s then...”. To avoid unnecessary verbiage, we have removed such phrases because the consistency rules implicitly apply to a field only if it is active. We have therefore renamed this report element “Consistency if Active” to make this change explicit. As these rules are read and implemented, the developer should keep in mind that they apply only if the field is active. If the field is not active, it should contain blanks.
 - In previous updates to the data specifications, the “version notes” report element has been used to identify changes that were made to individual OASIS fields. Because implementation of OASIS-C and Version 2.00 of the data specifications resulted in a large number of changes, it proved unwieldy to track these changes in this report element. This report element will therefore be blank in the initial release of the Version 2.00 data specs. We will resume using this field if subsequent releases are made of Version 2.00 as well as later releases. A track-changes version of the current document is being made available to help users identify changes that have been made.
- For several years now, we have released the data specifications in both PDF and HTML format. For Version 2.00, we will continue to release both formats. However, the initial release of the HTML format will not be populated with item and response text (all other report elements will be populated, as before). The item and response text was not available at the time Version 2.00 had to be released. We will attempt to populate these report elements in future releases. In addition, we are releasing two versions of the HTML formatted specifications. The first version lists all fields in submission order (in the order that they appear on the submission record). This is the order that they have been listed in previous versions. In addition, we are providing a second version in which the fields in the body record are listed in “logical order” (as described above).

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