

APPENDIX B: STATE AGENCY AND CMS LOCATIONS RAI/MDS CONTACTS

CMS partners with each state to ensure that all staff using the MDS have access to coding support, with each state's RAI Coordinator offering expert guidance on coding practices that adhere to the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual and serving as frontline help desk support.

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