

# Impact of Combined Assessments on SNF APU

## How Medicare 5-Day and PPS Discharge Combined Assessments Affect Your Facility's APU Calculation

### Best Practices to Ensure Compliance



#### Early Interviews

Complete resident interviews early to ensure all required MDS data elements can be completed.



#### No Medicare Advantage Required

Ensure that when you are completing a combined OBRA and PPS assessment that Medicare Part A (not Medicare Advantage) is the payer.



#### Validation Review

Review Final Validation Reports and Error Detail Reports to identify missing data that could be completed using applicable coding guidance and submit MDS corrections as needed prior to the Data Submission Deadline.

### Calculating APU

**MDS  
compliance  
threshold of at  
least 90%**



#### Numerator

The number of assessments in the denominator with 100% of the required MDS data elements completed (i.e. items do not contain a dash).

#### Denominator

All Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) and PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessments submitted prior to the submission deadline.

## Example

Resident is admitted to a SNF and is unexpectedly discharged on day 2.  
The SNF is able to complete all of the required MDS data elements.

## MDS Assessment Meets APU Requirements

**Positive impact on  
APU Calculation  
when required  
resident interview  
items are completed  
timely on a Medicare  
5-Day/PPS Discharge  
Combination  
Assessment**



- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline gets counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements completed (i.e. items do not contain a dash).
  - The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also gets counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements completed (i.e. items do not contain a dash).
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- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline gets counted in the denominator to complete the admission assessment requirement for the Part A stay.
  - The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also gets counted in the denominator to complete the end of the Part A stay discharge.

## Example

Resident is admitted to a SNF and is unexpectedly discharged on day 2. The SNF does not complete the resident interview item questions timely and dashes B1300 – Health Literacy.

## MDS Assessment Does Not Meet APU Requirements

**Negative impact on  
APU Calculation x2  
when required  
resident interview  
items are NOT  
completed timely,  
resulting in dash use  
on a Medicare  
5-Day/PPS Discharge  
Combination  
Assessment**



- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline DOES NOT get counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements were NOT completed (B1300 contains a dash).
  - The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also DOES NOT get counted in the numerator because 100% of the required MDS data elements were NOT completed (B1300 contains a dash).
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- The Medicare 5-Day (A0310B = 01) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline gets counted in the denominator to meet the admission assessment requirement for the Part A stay.
  - The PPS Discharge (A0310H = 1) assessment submitted prior to the submission deadline also gets counted in the denominator to complete the end of the Part A stay discharge requirement.