

Data Elements Finalized For Removal
From OASIS in the CY 2018 Home Health PPS Final Rule

In 2017, CMS undertook a comprehensive review of the OASIS assessment item set to identify candidate item removals or modifications, with the goal of reducing data collection burden. Several factors were considered in this evaluation:

- Items used to calculate a measure finalized for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP)
- Items used in the Home Health Prospective Payment System (PPS)
- Items used in the survey process for Medicare certification
- Items used to calculate a measure in the Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HH VPB) demonstration
- Items used as a critical risk-adjustment factor
- Items incorporated into the OASIS to fulfill a data category as part of the Conditions of Participation

In the CY 2018 Home Health PPS proposed rule (82 FR 35342), we proposed that OASIS items, or data elements within OASIS items, which do not meet any of the above criteria would no longer be collected beginning January 1, 2019. After consideration of the comments we received, we are finalizing changes to 33 OASIS items that would result in the collection of 235 fewer data elements at specific time points within a home health episode. These items are shown in the table below, along with the number of data elements that would no longer be collected at each time point.

Data Elements to be Removed from OASIS Beginning January 1, 2019

OASIS Item	Specific Time Point					
	Start of Care	Resumption of Care	Follow-Up	Transfer to an Inpatient Facility	Death at home	Discharge from agency
M0903				1	1	1
M1011	6	6	6			
M1017	6	6				
M1018	6	6				
M1025	12	12	12			
M1034	1	1				
M1036	4	4				
M1210	1	1				
M1220	1	1				
M1230	1	1				1
M1240	1	1				
M1300	1	1				
M1302	1	1				
M1320	1	1				1
M1322						1
M1332						1
M1350	1	1				
M1410	3	3				
M1501				1		1
M1511				5		5
M1610						1
M1615	1	1				1
M1750	1	1				
M1880	1	1				1
M1890	1	1				1
M1900	4	4				
M2030						1

OASIS Item	Specific Time Point					
	Start of Care	Resumption of Care	Follow-Up	Transfer to an Inpatient Facility	Death at home	Discharge from agency
M2040	2	2				
M2102*	6	6				3**
M2110	1	1				
M2250	7	7				
M2310				15***		15***
M2430				20		
TOTAL	70	70	18	42	1	34

* M2102 row f to remain collected at Start of Care, Resumption of Care and Discharge from Agency as part of the HH VBP program.

** M2102 rows a,c,d to remain collected at Discharge from Agency for survey purposes.

*** M2310 responses 1,10,OTH,UK to remain collected at Transfer to an Inpatient Facility and Discharge from Agency for survey purposes.