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The only changes with Version 1.30 of the MDS Data Specifications involve adding a new MDS Section, Section W: Supplemental MDS Items. There are 5 items in Section W:

W1. National Provider ID -- a voluntary item that is active on the header record and all MDS data records.

W2a. Influenza vaccine received or not-- required on assessment and discharge data records relevant to the influenza season.

W2b. Reason influenza vaccine not received -- required on assessment and discharge data records relevant to the influenza season.

W3a. Pneumococcal vaccine (PPV) status (received or not) -- required on assessment and discharge data records for residents 65 years old and older.

W3b. Reason PPV not received -- required on assessment and discharge data records for residents 65 years old and older.

Section W is contained on a supplemental MDS page that will be made available in the near future.

Item W1 (national provider ID) is being added to the header record at the beginning of the blank filler area (HDR_FL) in the record. In the header record, the national provider ID is named N_PROV_ID and starts at position 577.

All five Section W items (named W1, W2a, W2b, W3a, and W3b) are being added to the data record at the beginning of the blank filler area previously in Section V starting at position 1626. Previously, this blank filler area consisted of 44 single character filler items reserved for future RAP triggers. The first 14 characters of this area have been devoted to the five new Section W items and the remaining 30 characters have been consolidated into a single filler entry. Note that the Section V dates (VB2 and VB4) now follow after this consolidated 30-character filler area.

The only other change with version 1.30 is to revise the item for the MDS Data Specs Version used (VCODE2 at position 42) to include version 1.30 as a valid version number and to produce a warning if version 1.30 is not used.