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Optional State Assessment requirement to be discontinued Aug. 31, 2025

As announced in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin* [BT202341](#), effective Oct. 1, 2023, the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) implemented the requirement for nursing facilities to submit a concurrent Optional State Assessment (OSA), with the same assessment reference date (ARD), as each federally required Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment submitted.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will no longer support OSA submissions beginning Oct. 1, 2025. As such, the Time-Weighted Case Mix Index (CMI) Resident Rosters for the period ending Aug. 31, 2025, will be the final reporting period to use the OSA for calculation of a Resource Utilization Group (RUG)-based CMI.

Effective for federally required MDS assessments with an ARD of Sept. 15, 2025, and later, Indiana nursing facilities will no longer be required to complete and submit the OSA.



The discontinuation of the OSA does not alter other MDS assessment completion requirements. Providers are still required to complete all MDS data elements associated with the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM), including the completion of the following three MDS items on all MDS assessment submissions:

- I0020: Indicate the resident's primary medical condition category
- J2100: Recent surgery requiring active skilled nursing facility (SNF) care
- O0400D: Respiratory therapy

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