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Reminder of Indiana nursing facility MDS assessment to require OSA beginning Oct. 1

As announced in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin [BT202341](#)*, the Optional State Assessment (OSA) will be the only Resource Utilization Group (RUG) classification, beginning Oct. 1, 2023. States wishing to maintain a RUG-based case mix reimbursement system must require Medicaid-certified nursing facilities to complete the OSA with each federally required Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment.

As of Oct. 1, 2023, the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is requiring that a concurrent OSA be completed, with the same assessment reference date (ARD), as each federally required assessment submitted. This will allow for a RUG-based case mix score to be calculated and the current RUG-based reimbursement methodology to continue beyond Oct. 1, 2023. The incorporation of the OSA will result in additional consideration around the determination of delinquent records.

The OMPP recommends that nursing facilities start reviewing their internal software systems for OSA compatibility prior to Oct. 1, 2023, in preparation for the implementation of the OSA requirement. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Indiana help desk at: 317-816-4122 or INHelpDesk@mslc.com.



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