



Tool: Section B MDS Changes

The [MDS 3.0 version v1.8.11 final item sets](#) and [draft RAI guidance](#) was released on April 3, 2023, and substantial changes were made to several sections. Changes to section B include the incorporation of the Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements (SPADES); Health Literacy, which allows for standardized data collection across all healthcare settings.

AHCA has created this resource document to help providers breakdown the changes. The information in this document outlines key changes to MDS Section B, Coding Instructions/RAI Guidelines for each item, and Actions to Consider for implementation across your facility. It is important to develop a training plan for your facility to ensure all staff impacted by the changes are trained in them.

Changes Effective 10/1/2023	RAI Coding Instructions	Actions to Consider
New Item		
<p>B1300 Health Literacy</p>	<p><i>*Data collected on Part A PPS Discharges (A0310H = 1)</i></p> <p>Coding Instructions: This item is intended to be a resident self-reported item. No other source should be used to identify the response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask the resident, "How often do you need to have someone help you read instructions, pamphlets, or other written material from your doctor or pharmacy?" <p>Definition: Health Literacy – the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update current policies on how this data will be collected, who will collect this data, when it will be collected, and how responses will be communicated with the team. Review care plans to ensure health literacy areas of impact are identified with interventions and goals outlined to help facilitate care during the discharge process. Review discharge plans to ensure any health literacy needs are identified and addressed. Evaluate current staff training to ensure it includes coding instructions for B1300.

Resources

[AHCA's MDS Updates Effective 10/1/2023](#)



[Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#)

[SNF Understanding Changes to the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual v1.18.11 Training Webinar](#)

[SNF Social Determinants of Health and New Data Elements in Section A & B Training Webinar](#)

[2023 SNF Guidance Training Program](#)

Citations

[Draft MDS 3.0 RAI Manual v1.18.11](#)

[MDS 3.0 Final Item Sets v1.18.11](#)