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MEMO 23-03

TO: Administrator, DON, Medical Director/NPs, MDS Coordinators & QA Committee Members

FROM: Mary Gracey- White RN, BSN, QCP Director of Regulatory Compliance

DATE: March 3, 2023

RE: MDS Transition To IQIES

As you may be aware CMS announced the transition of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment submission and reporting functionality from the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) to the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES). Facilities need to prepare for this change as it will occur on Monday, April 17, 2023. **Facilities must register for an iQIES Account.** For information and instructions to register for an iQIES account, please visit: <https://qtso.cms.gov/news-and-updates/action-required-register-iqies-account>.

To prepare for the transition, CMS will **close the QIES system for MDS submissions on Thursday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m. ET. The new IQIES system will open on April 17th at 8:00 a.m.**

Facilities should submit completed MDS records prior to 8:00 p.m. ET on April 13th to QIES or wait until 8:00 a.m. ET on April 17th to submit data in iQIES.

Ensure MDS Coordinators and responsible staff consider all requirements when determining the date, they submit completed MDS records, including submission timeliness, claims processing, and care planning requirements. Please note that all facilities need to obtain access to iQIES prior to April 17, 2023 to ensure the ability to submit MDS records.

Facilities must have at least one staff person assigned and approved as the facility Provider Security Official (PSO), who works for the provider and is responsible for approving all other users for their facility.

iQIES Service Center: for questions or assistance, please contact the iQIES Service Center at iqies@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (800) 339-9313.

CMS also reviewed this information on the March 2nd CMS SNF Open Door Forum call. Please contact the Association if you need additional information.