



Oklahoma State Department of Health
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Dear Home Health Administrator and/or OASIS Coordinator:

RE: OASIS-C “Train the Trainer” Teleconferences

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be offering a three part series of the National “Train the Trainer conference calls on topics related to OASIS-C implementation in October, November, and December 2009. This program will provide attendees with background information on why OASIS is changing and tips on preparing for the transition. It will also include a review of new and revised items, links to additional resources, and information on how OASIS-C will impact quality measurement and reporting.

These presentations are offered free of charge and will be presented through the Medicare Learning Network (MLN). Calls are scheduled at the following dates and times:

October 22, 2009	1:30pm (CST)	“OASIS-C Development and Impact on Agency Operations”
November 12, 2009	12:30pm (CST)	“Highlights of OASIS-C Changes by Section”
December 8, 2009	12:30pm (CST)	“Changes to Home Health Quality Measurement and Reporting”

For registration and to download the materials go to:

http://cms.hhs.gov/HomeHealthQualityInits/02_CMSSponsoredCalls.asp#TopOfPage

To learn more about OASIS-C and to down load the new OASIS-C dataset go to:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HomeHealthQualityInits/06_OASISC.asp#TopOfPage

We encourage you to attend all three teleconferences, as one will build on the next. It is estimated that each call will be approximately two hours long. Also, we will be conducting OASIS C Workshops during December, so be on the lookout for registration information toward the end of October 2009. In the event additional information is required please contact me at (405) 271-5278.

Sincerely,

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