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**QIES Who?**

**Diane Henry, RN—Director MDS/OASIS**

Did you know that you have a free and valuable resource for all your MDS questions and related issues? The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Quality Improvement and Evaluation Service (QIES)—is the State Help Desk for the Minimum Data Set (MDS).

Daily, we receive calls from providers across Oklahoma seeking answers to questions concerning MDS training, clinical coding, transmission of assessments, tracking forms, error messages found in the Final Validation Report, accessing other reports, websites, and technical issues.

QIES staff offer a number of training programs to providers throughout the year to assist nursing home staff to accurately complete and transmit the MDS Assess-

ments and related Tracking Forms.

QIES is planning next year’s training programs and will have our 2014 training calendar posted on our website later this month. Visit <http://mds.health.ok.gov> frequently to keep up to date on the next planned training session and/or to register for the current session.



In addition to training programs and phone assistance, we are also excited to reintroduce our Newsletter! It will be mailed quarterly to administrators and MDS Coordina-

tors. We will include a variety of pertinent MDS information from both the clinical and automation aspect of MDS assessments, along with other pertinent information such as upcoming trainings. We encourage you to let us know of topics you are interested in regarding the MDS so we can address them in future issues.

In between workshops and newsletters, **QIES staff encourage you to call our office with your MDS coding and automation questions. We are glad to assist you in any way we can.**

**QIES HELP DESK  
(405) 271-5278**

Diane Henry—Clinical  
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**Congratulations & Welcome, Diane!**

I am very pleased to announce that Diane Henry, RN, HCA has been promoted to serve as the Director of the MDS-OASIS Program.

Diane brings to us over 20 years of nursing experience in various settings. She worked as a Quality Improvement Specialist with OFMQ and was Co-Founder and Clinical Operations Director of a multi-branched

home health agency. She is a licensed Home Health Administrator in the State of Oklahoma and has obtained Certification as a TeamSTEPS Master Trainer and a Certified Eden Alternative Associate.

Diane has been with the QIES Help Desk since 2011 consulting with health care professionals in developing and improving quality of care for patients according to state and federal regulations and profes-

sional standards of practice. Please join me in welcoming Diane as our new Director and State RAI Coordinator.

—Nancy Atkinson

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Upcoming MDS Training**

**2013**

- ❖ Online Training— “MDS Correction Process”

**2014**

- ❖ A Stakeholders Forum to Improve Care
- ❖ **January 15th**
- ❖ **February 5th**
- ❖ **February 26th**

## Upcoming Events

### CAN YOU SPARE 60 MINUTES?

Visit our website to access essential training related to the Corrections Process for MDS 3.0 assessments.

Located at: <http://mds.health.ok.gov>

Click “Educational Resources”

Click “MDS 3.0 Correction Process”

\*This training includes a Power Point presentation and transcript with separate Q&A’s for download.

### 2014 MDS 3.0 Event: “A Stakeholders Forum to Improve Care”

We are excited to host this training forum where attendees will have a chance to interact with members of the survey team while the QIES team trains on the MDS process related to CAAs, Care Plans and Significant Change in Status Assessment.

To enhance interaction and learning, attendance is limited to 60 participants. *Limit one attendee per facility for all three sessions. (Only one person from each facility may attend one of the sessions listed above). We appreciate your cooperation with helping as many facilities to attend as possible.*

**Look for upcoming announcements in your mail and on our website soon!**

### AUTOMATION NO-NO

When entering your assessment data do not routinely override the software warning that states “a significant change assessment is required.” It may be necessary for you to complete a Significant Change in Status Assessment in order to assist your resident in obtaining the highest practical level of well-being.

### How to Utilize The MDS 3.0 Roster Report

#### Be sure you are using the MDS 3.0 Roster Report.

The Roster Report lists all residents appearing as “active” in your facility. This report should be reviewed monthly to ensure all assessment or tracking forms were received in the National Repository. The report contains the social security number, resident name, date of birth, gender, date and type of last assessment completed and received by the Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system. Review the last record completed for each resident listed and compare to your internal list of assessments/tracking forms due and completed, and your list of active residents. Discrepancies should be researched in order to remain compliant with timely submissions. Once your roster report is current and accurate, you can easily determine which assessment is due next. This report can be ordered through CASPER. Please contact our office for assistance obtaining this report.



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