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SERIES!

OASIS-C Process Measures: Best Practice Strategies to Reduce Risk



Winter 2010 Audio Conference Series
Presented by: Laurie Salmons, RN, BSN

By now, most homecare agencies have begun taking preliminary steps to prepare staff for OASIS-C. However, successful implementation requires more than teaching clinicians how to complete the revised form.

By design, many of the new OASIS data elements are process measures that affect clinical practices and focus on specific processes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) took these steps to improve patient outcomes.

Information from the OASIS indicates whether or not agencies are implementing the practices that promote patient health, safety, and quality outcomes. It also measures an agency's use of evidence-based practices (EBPs). Agencies whose care delivery falls short of these standards are at risk.

How does your agency measure up?

Beacon Health's new winter audio conference series, **OASIS-C Process Measures: Best Practice Strategies to Reduce Risk**, will set you on the right path of implementation with insightful tips and guidance into OASIS-C best practices. You'll learn how to effectively review your agency's current care practices and determine the need to establish or revise its current set of standards.

As we move closer to a pay for performance system, a firm understanding of the new OASIS and proper implementation of best practice strategies will help your agency avoid scrutiny and secure proper payment now and in the future.

Who should participate?

- Homecare Administrators and Directors
- Clinical Managers and Educators
- Quality Managers
- Homecare Nurses
- Key Staff Members



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Third Thursday of Each Month

January 21

Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers
and Other Wounds

February 18

Implications for PPS Payment and
Public Reporting

March 18

A Guide to Falls, Foot Care, Flu, and Heart Failure

April 15

Examining Depression, Pain, and High-risk
Medications

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YOUR PRESENTER



Laurie Salmons, RN, BSN

Laurie is principal consultant and managing owner of Outcome Strategies, LLC, based in Knoxville, TN. She has more than 27 years' experience in the healthcare industry with an emphasis in homecare. She offers a wealth of experience in outcome-based disease management, program assessment, and outcomes improvement.

Prior to the launch of Outcome Strategies in 2005, Laurie served as national director of disease management for Amedisys, Inc., one of the largest providers of home health and hospice services in the country.

Since 2001, Laurie has been providing her home health expertise to notable industry publications, including *Homecare Administrator*, the *Remington Report*, and *Home Healthcare Nurse*.

For the past five years, she has delivered educational sessions at the annual meeting for the National Association for Home Care & Hospice. She has addressed many industry groups, including the home health associations of Kentucky and Tennessee and the New York Clinical Managers Association. She has led numerous workshops and presented talks on episode management and outcomes improvement.

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SESSION ONE

January 21, 2010

Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers and Other Wounds

Now that OASIS-C has been implemented, agencies must enhance their understanding of assessment, staff education, and the reporting of pressure ulcers and other wounds.

In this session you will receive:

- Guidance on effective practice for the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers, stasis ulcers, and surgical wounds
- Practical tips for ongoing education of staff
- Competency skills for wound assessment and OASIS reporting measures

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Health Care at Home, Stevensville, MI

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February 18, 2010

Implications for PPS Payment and Public Reporting

The submission of OASIS data is a condition for payment under the 2010 home health PPS, and CMS intends to publicly report OASIS-C outcomes on Home Health Compare (HHC) later on in the year. With the national implementation of HHCAHPS also scheduled for the third quarter of 2010, this session will set the record straight about this increased public scrutiny on your agency's payment, operations, and image.

In this session you will discover:

- Ways to submit OASIS data to ensure proper payment
- The impact of public scrutiny on your agency's operations and processes
- Strategies for protecting your agency from public examination

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Sacred Heart Home Care,
Pensacola, FL

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March 18, 2010

A Guide to Falls, Footcare, Flu, and Heart Failure

Although the new OASIS-C process measures are optional now, they could be a step toward a future system of pay for performance. This session will provide support to agencies as they evaluate their current practices and establish best practices for the following measures: falls assessment and prevention, diabetic foot care, flu/pneumonia vaccination, and heart failure.

In this session you will learn:

- How to assess your agency's current practices
- What the new process measures are and how to implement them
- Why it's important to start using them now and ways to educate staff
- Effective evaluation measures to drive ongoing best practice

"Laurie Salmons is one of the strongest, most effective public speakers I've ever had the pleasure to hear during educational sessions at NAHC conferences and also on national audio conferences for our company."

Intrepid USA Healthcare Services,
Dallas, Texas

April 15, 2010

Examining Depression, Pain, and High-risk Medications

Implementing best practices prevents exacerbation of serious conditions, improves care received by an individual patient, and helps agencies avoid adverse events. This session will provide education and guidance to agencies as they evaluate their current practices and establish best practices for the following measures: depression, pain, and high-risk medications.

In this session you will receive insightful tips to:

- Assess your agency's current practices
- Revamp your standard protocol into best practice
- Educate staff to ensure proper payment and improve clinical outcomes
- Analyze and evaluate effective best practice techniques

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Worthington, OH

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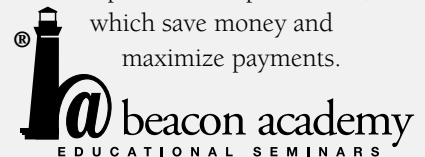
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