

FACILITY OPTIONS WITH THE MDS MPAF FORM

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The new MDS Medicare PPS Assessment Form (MPAF) will provide facilities with new options concerning the forms used for Medicare PPS assessments. To allow reduction in assessment burden, facilities can choose to complete and submit the shorter MPAF form rather than a full MDS assessment for Medicare PPS assessments.

Use of the MPAF form is *completely optional*. If a facility continues to submit a full assessment for PPS reasons, the extra MDS items (that are not on the MPAF form) will be ignored and will not be stored in the state database. No errors or warnings will occur because a full assessment is submitted for PPS reasons. If vendor software is not updated before implementation of the MPAF form in July 2002, then no MDS submission problems will result. PPS assessments completed and submitted as full assessments will still be acceptable. However, vendors should update their systems for the MPAF form as soon as possible after MPAF implementation, to allow facilities to take advantage of the reduced assessment burden available with the shorter MPAF form

The OBRA assessment requirements supercede the use of the abbreviated form. When assessments are completed for both OBRA reasons and PPS reasons, then all OBRA-required items, all PPS-required items, and any state-specific items (Section S) must all be submitted, with all required items being stored in the state MDS database. When assessments are PPS-only (no OBRA reason present), only the MPAF items and any state-specific items (Section S) will be active and stored in the state MDS database. If a facility submits a full assessment for PPS reasons only, the extra MDS items (that are not on the MPAF form) will be ignored and will not be stored in the state database.

The state may not require additional MDS items on PPS-only assessments. The state may require state-specific items in Section S on all MDS records, including PPS-only assessments. If Section S is required on a PPS-only assessment, then the Section S items will be stored in the state MDS database.

Following are the forms requirements and options for selected types of MDS records when the Medicare PPS Assessment Form (MPAF) is implemented. The active MDS items to be stored are also given for each type of record.

PPS-only assessment (Record-Type OM with AA8a = 00 and AA8b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8)

FORMS OPTIONS:

Full Assessment Option:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. That exception is that

AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be optionally submitted alone (without other facesheet items).

3. Full assessment form is required.
4. PPS therapy supplement form (Section T) is required.
5. Section S can be required by the state.

MPAF Assessment Option:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. The exception is that AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be submitted alone (without other facesheet items).
3. MPAF form is required.
4. Section S can be required by the state.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

Section AA items, Section AB and AC items if submitted, all items on the MPAF, and Section S items (if required by the state) are active and will be stored. If additional items are present in the record, they will be ignored, not edited, and not stored.

PPS assessment combined with an OBRA admission assessment (Record-Type AM with AA8a = 01 and AA8b = 1, 5, 7, or 8)

FORMS REQUIRED (No Options):

Full Assessment Required for All OBRA Admission Assessments:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. Background (facesheet) form is required
3. Full MDS assessment form is required.
4. RAP summary form (Section V) is required.
5. PPS therapy supplement form (Section T) is required.
6. Section S can be required by the state.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

Section AA items, all Section AB and AC items, all full assessment items (Sections A through Q), all RAP summary items (Section V), all Section T items, and Section S items (if required by the state) are active and will be stored.

PPS assessment combined with an OBRA comprehensive assessment other than an admission (Record-Type YM with AA8a = 02, 03, or 04 and AA8b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8)

FORMS REQUIRED (No Options):

Full Assessment Required for All OBRA Comprehensive Assessments:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. That exception is that AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be optionally submitted alone (without other facesheet items).
3. Full MDS assessment form is required.
4. RAP summary form (Section V) is required.
5. PPS therapy supplement form (Section T) is required.
6. Section S can be required by the state.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

Section AA items, Section AB and AC items if submitted, all full assessment items (Sections A through Q), all RAP summary items (Section V), all Section T items, and Section S items (if required by the state) are active and will be stored.

PPS assessment combined with an OBRA quarterly assessment in a state that uses a FULL QUARTERLY (Record-Type QM with AA8a = 05 or 10 and AA8b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8)

FORMS REQUIRED (No Options):

Full Quarterly Assessment Required by the State:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. That exception is that AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be optionally submitted alone (without other facesheet items).
3. Full MDS assessment form is required.
4. PPS therapy supplement form (Section T) is required.
5. Section S can be required by the state.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

Section AA items, Section AB and AC items if submitted, all full assessment items (Sections A through Q), all Section T items are active, and Section S items (if required by the state) and will be stored.

PPS assessment combined with an OBRA quarterly assessment in a state that uses a RUGs QUARTERLY (Record-Type QM with AA8a = 05 or 10 and AA8b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8)

FORMS OPTIONS:

Full Assessment Option:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. That exception is that

AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be optionally submitted alone (without other facesheet items).

3. Full MDS assessment form is required.
4. PPS therapy supplement form (Section T) is required.
5. Section S can be required by the state.

MPAF Assessment Option:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. The exception is that AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be submitted alone (without other facesheet items).
3. MPAF form is required.
4. Section S can be required by the state.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

Section AA items, Section AB and AC items if submitted, all items on the MPAF, and Section S items (if required by the state) are active and will be stored. If additional items are present in the record, they will be ignored, not edited, and not stored.

PPS assessment combined with an OBRA quarterly assessment in a state that uses a MINIMUM QUARTERLY (with AA8a = 05 or 10 and AA8b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8)

FORMS OPTIONS:

Full Assessment Option:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. That exception is that AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be optionally submitted alone (without other facesheet items).
3. Full MDS assessment form is required.
4. PPS therapy supplement form (Section T) is required.
5. Section S can be required by the state.

MPAF Assessment Option:

1. Assessment tracking form (Section AA) is required.
2. All background (facesheet) items in Sections AB and AC are optional in all-or-none fashion, with one exception. The exception is that AB5a through AB5f (items included on the MPAF form) can be submitted alone (without other facesheet items).
3. MPAF form is required.
4. Section S can be required by the state.

ACTIVE ITEMS:

Section AA items, Section AB and AC items if submitted, all items on the MPAF, and Section S items (if required by the state) are active and will be stored. If additional items are present in the record, they will be ignored, not edited, and not stored.