



**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group**

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**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey and Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** DRAFT Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) 3.0 User's Manual, Version 1.14, Release

**Memorandum Summary**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted a DRAFT version of the LTCF RAI 3.0 User's Manual, Version 1.14 to the Nursing Home Quality Initiative web page so users can preview significant changes before they become effective October 1, 2016.

A DRAFT RAI Manual v1.14 was posted to the Nursing Home Quality Initiative web page at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>. The Draft RAI manual is located in the downloads section of the web page so that users can preview significant changes before they become effective October 1, 2016. There are many item set changes, including the new Chapter 3, Section GG: Functional Abilities and Goals. Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, Section A provide information on the new Part A PPS Discharge assessment.

The draft manual is a single PDF file with bookmarks that you can click on to take you to each section of the manual. It includes the manual chapters, sections, appendices, and the change tables that crosswalk the changes made to v1.14. Please note that it does **not** include Appendices F and H or replacement pages, which will be published with the final version 1.14 in September 2016.

**Training:** Provider training will be offered by CMS in the coming months. CMS will provide more information about training through other communications such as S&C memos, open door forums, and website postings.

**Effective Date:** Immediately. This information should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

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