

Compliance Alert: M0175

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Is your agency completing M0175 correctly? If not, your agency may come under the scrutiny of the OIG and be a target for medical review and possible financial recoupment.

It is vital that agency staff collect comprehensive information in order to answer this question accurately. All relevant facilities must be identified when a patient is discharged from more than one facility in the 14 days prior to the assessment. If the patient was discharged from both a hospital and a rehabilitation facility within the 14 days prior to the assessment, 2 points are added to the HHRG calcu-

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From which of the following Inpatient Facilities was the patient discharged during the past 14 days?

1. Hospital
 2. Rehabilitation facility
 3. Skilled nursing facility
 4. Other nursing home
 5. Other (specify) _____
- NA Patient was not discharged from an inpatient facility

lation. However, 3 points are added when the patient was only discharged from a rehabilitation facility. Checking

only the most recent facility discharge may inappropriately increase your HHRG and result in a higher casemix.

The OIG is currently surveying agencies where they have been able to determine that the OASIS was scored inappropriately. We recommend that agencies take a good look at their internal processes and patient records to verify that this M0 item is consistently completed accurately.

It is essential that you have processes in place to obtain the information needed and that your staff understands how to accurately score this important M0 item.