



COMMISSIONER
Jon Weizenbaum

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To: Nursing Facilities (NFs)

Subject: Provider Letter 15-26 - Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Rules Amendments

New rule amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 1, Chapter 19, Subchapter I, [§19.801](#), Resident Assessment, became effective on August 31, 2015.

The rule amendments ensure consistency with current federal MDS 3.0 requirements by replacing the requirements for comprehensive assessments with references to the MDS and the Resident Assessment Instrument process. This change will assist a nursing facility to comply with requirements if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid makes additional changes to the MDS.

If you have any questions about Chapter 19 rule, please contact a NF policy specialist in the Policy, Rules and Curriculum Development unit at (512) 438-3161.

If you have any questions specific to the MDS, please contact the Clinical MDS Coordinator at (210) 619-8010.

Sincerely,

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