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To: All Nursing Facility Care Providers

From: Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)
Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)
Nursing Facility Licensing Unit (NFLU)

Subject: **Preparing for the MDS Transition to iQIES**



Dear Nursing Facility Administrators,

Please share this information with your Director of Nursing and facility staff responsible for completing and transmitting MDS assessments.

In December 2022, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin transitioning MDS data from the KIES system to the cloud-based iQIES system. Your facility's MDS process and CASPER reports will be impacted by this change in early 2023. To ensure a smooth transition, please ensure you have completed the following steps:

1. Review your facility's MDS 3.0 OBRA Missing Assessment Report (located in CASPER) and resolve all identified issues. For assistance, contact Joy Ramsby, State RAI Coordinator, at 503-407-1488 or Joy.M.Ramsby@dhsosha.state.or.us
2. Select a security official within your facility (CMS recommends assigning this role to two [2] staff within the facility.) These individuals will register for a HCQIS Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account.
3. The security official will assign roles to staff involved with the MDS process (do they coordinate, submit, view, administrate or act as the security official for the MDS.)

To stay current on software, news, reference material/manuals and training, please go to: [QTSO Reference Manuals](#) on the [CMS QIES Technical Support Office website](#).

Under the reference and manuals tab, an [iQIES Managing User Information Guide and Quick Checklist](#) is now available. This guide provides links to assist in creating and managing your HARP account, definitions of the user roles and how to access the IQIEs training environment.

Please direct questions regarding this alert to Joy Ramsby, RAC-CT, RAI Coordinator @ 503-407-1488 or [email Joy Ramsby](mailto:Joy.M.Ramsby@dhsosha.state.or.us) (email to: Joy.M.Ramsby@dhsosha.state.or.us or Joy.M.Ramsby@odhs.oregon.gov)

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