



April 2022 CMS Quarterly OASIS Q&As

Category 2

Question 1: I have a question about completing an RFA 8 - Death at home. We completed a Resumption of care with Recert (ROC/Recert) in the last 5 days of a patient's first certification period after they returned home from a qualifying inpatient stay. The patient expired at home in the new certification period, and no visits had been provided since the ROC/Recert visit. What is the correct course of action in terms of OASIS completion? Should we complete an RFA 8 - Death at home and transmit as the final OASIS in the sequence? Or because no care was rendered during the subsequent certification period, should we not complete/submit the RFA 8 - Death at home and have the final OASIS submission be the ROC/Recert OASIS?

Answer 1: In situations where only one visit was performed in a quality episode, such as the situation described, the OASIS does not have to be submitted to the OASIS system. Therefore, it is acceptable to not submit the ROC/Recert assessment to the OASIS system, but rather to maintain the completed ROC/Recert assessment in the patient's clinical record, with documentation explaining the situation. It would also be acceptable to submit the ROC/Recert and Death at Home assessments to the OASIS system.

The Death at home OASIS is never mandated in situations of single visits in a quality episode (SOC/ROC date to DAH).

Question 2: Our patient was transported to the hospital and was placed in observation where they expired. Would we complete the RFA 7 - Transferred to an inpatient facility - patient discharged from agency or RFA 8 - Death at home?

Answer 2: Following updated guidance from October 2021 CMS OASIS Quarterly Q&As Q2, complete an RFA 8 - Death at home OASIS when a patient dies anywhere other than after being admitted for a qualifying inpatient stay. A qualifying inpatient stay is defined as a patient being admitted to an inpatient facility for 24 hours or more for reasons other than diagnostic testing.

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