Facilities have been reporting that MDS submissions are resulting in error or warning messages concerning Section S. The error messages occur when an MDS submission has absent or incomplete data in Section S. Effective July 1, 2011, MDS 3.0 requires the submission of a fully completed Section S for all Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) Item Sets, Nursing Home Quarterly (NQ) Item Sets, Nursing Home PPS (NP), and Nursing Home Discharge (ND).

Facilities should contact their MDS software vendors for modification of MDS submission software to include the Section S information. The Section S specifications and instructions are attached for reference.

Please direct clinical questions to cecilia.vinson@arkansas.gov. Technical questions should be directed to abbie.palmer@arkansas.gov.

If you need this material in alternative format such as large print, please contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 501-682-8307 (voice) or 501-682-6789 (TDD).

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Arkansas Specific Items

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Healthcare Associated Infections

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Arkansas MDS 3.0 Section S Instructions

Submission requirements:
Section S must be included with each of the following assessments sent to the state: Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) Item Set; Nursing Home Quarterly (NQ) Item Set; Nursing Home PPS (NP); and Nursing Home Discharge (ND).

Implementation Date: July 1, 2011.

Data Formatting:
Question S0100 is formatted with a "0" (zero) denoting No and a "1" denoting Yes.

Item Instructions:

Intent: The intent of this item is to capture the physician-documented diagnosis of Clostridium Difficile (C.diff) during the last 90 days.

Coding: S0100 should only be coded if resident meets the intent and the look back period is 90 days from the Assessment Reference Date (ARD) found at A2300.