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| OASIS Accuracy | **Last Revision:** | July 2018 |
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| **Applies to the following THA Group of Companies:** | Island Health Care |
| **Included in the following THA Manual:** | Administrative Policies & Procedures  Management of Information & HIPAA |

**PURPOSE**

To ensure accuracy of OASIS data so that appropriate patient acuity and attendant resource requirements are properly reflected. The OASIS provides a baseline upon which progress and improvement of the patient during an episode of Home Health Services is measured; therefore, accuracy of the OASIS data set is critical prior to transmission to Medicare.

#### POLICY

To develop a check and balance system to ensure OASIS accuracy through multiple assessments prior to transmission.

#### DEFINITIONS

#### OASIS - The Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS)

* **Palmetto GBA** – Medicare Fiscal Intermediary
* **Strategic Health Partners** – A national benchmarking firm for Home Care and Hospice.

# PROCEDURE

1. Customer Intake enters demographic information upon referral to Island Health Care for home health services. The referral is then sent to Finance, where benefits are verified and appropriate authorization is initiated.
2. The assigned clinician performs the OASIS assessment and enters the OASIS data into the Electronic Health Record.
3. Coding Specialist reviews data for correct diagnostic codes, makes recommendations and sends back to the clinician.
4. The assigned clinician accepts or declines coding guidance, rates the severity of the codes, and signs the OASIS document. The software system provides immediate analysis of OASIS data. The clinician elects to either makes recommended changes or to leave as is and signs the document. The document is then ready to be submitted to Palmetto GBA.
5. An assigned staff member transmits OASIS to Palmetto GBA once it has been completed. All OASIS must be locked and transmitted within 30 days of performance date.
6. The designated staff member reviews OASIS transmission reports, corrects transmission errors, and resubmits OASIS data to Palmetto GBA.