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| OASIS Accuracy | **Last Revision:** | July 2020 |
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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. The SOC clinician also collaborates with other disciplines within 5 days of the SOC visit in order to capture the most accurate clinical picture of the patient. The SOC clinician may make changes to the OASIS document based on collaboration with, and documentation of, other treating clinicians in the initial 5-day window. If therapy goes out after the RN within the 5 days, the therapist should look at the SOC ADLs and M1400 Shortness of breath, and notify the Case Manager RN , Coder, and SOC RN via email if they disagree with any ADL responses
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. The Coder transmits OASIS to Palmetto GBA once it has been completed. All OASIS must be locked and transmitted within 30 days of the assessment (M0090 date).
6. The Coder reviews OASIS transmission reports, corrects transmission errors, and resubmits OASIS data to Palmetto GBA.
7. All new hires that complete OASIS (SN, PT, OT, SLP) will participate in a comprehensive OASIS training via THA university, and will be required to take an annual quality assurance assessment to ensure competency