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There are many ways to collect the data to support Section GG. CMS has indicated that section GG should be completed based on the resident’s self-care performance. The collection of data is determined on direct observation, incorporating resident self-reports and reports from qualified clinicians, care staff, or family documented in the resident’s medical record during the assessment period. CMS anticipates that an interdisciplinary team of qualified clinicians is involved in assessing the resident during the assessment period.

Each member of the interdisciplinary team is tasked with understanding the importance and rationale of section GG. A facility will need to develop a process, policy and procedures on the RAI process that highlights the roles and responsibilities of the interdisciplinary team.

3.3.10 Licensed nurse roles and responsibilities.

**Therapy Staff**

Occupational, Physical and Speech language pathology have a pivotal role in the resident’s functional abilities. MDS 3.0 1.18.11 states that “Resident’s Medicare Part A stay, the admission functional assessment, when possible, should be conducted prior to the benefit of services in order to reflect the resident’s true admission baseline functional status. If treatment has started, for example, on the day of admission, a baseline functional status assessment can still be conducted. Treatment should not be withheld in order to conduct the functional assessment.”

Therapy assists in establishing discharge goals for Medicare Part A at the time of admission and must be based on the resident, family and professional standards of practice.

* Complete competency-based education on each self-care and mobility categories of section GG items.
* Demonstrate proficiency in observing the resident’s performance.
* Collaborating with the interdisciplinary team on section GG assessment process.
* Completes therapy evaluations within the 3 days look back period.
* Participates in the interdisciplinary team to establish discharge goals and length of stay.
* Evaluates and completes discharge summary at the end of a therapy modality.
* Updates the interdisciplinary team on a change in the resident’s functional abilities.

**References and Resources**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. State Operations Manual, Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/guidanceforlawsandregulations/downloads/appendix-pp-state-operations-manual.pdf>

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