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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.

Agency nursing staff licensed and unlicensed may not be familiar with the facilities electronic medical record or the documentation guidelines on completing the resident’s functional assessment. Section GG definitions are complex and require training including competency-based education.

Each facility must determine the role and responsibility of assessing the resident’s functional abilities during the designated look back period. The facility may assign those tasks to an employee with experience.

* Display abilities to locate reports that include resident’s functional abilities within the EMR.
* Validate that the assigned disciplines have completed documentation on the resident’s functional abilities by the end of the shift.
* Completed competency-based training on section GG either within the facility or the staffing agency.
* Communicates with the facility capability in completing section GG including the need for additional training.

**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>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument 3.0 User’s Manual. Version 1.18.11, October 2023: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual>