Tips for accurate MO780 assessment

- **Assess client’s ABILITY**
  - Focus on what the client is able to do, not on compliance or willingness.

- **OBSERVE client manage their medications**
  - A combined observation/interview approach with the patient or caregiver is necessary to determine the most accurate response for MO780.
  - Observe client gathering their medication supplies and the area where medications are stored (Is the process organized? What compliance aids are used? Are there functional limitations?)
  - Observe client opening medication containers (Is assistance needed or used?)
  - Ask the client to state the proper dosage, time and frequency for each medication (How does the client’s response compare to the medication directions? Are there cognitive/mental limitations?)

- **Assess ability to manage medications BEFORE home care interventions occur, such as medication set up or developing a medication list**

- **If a client’s ability to manage medications varies, REVIEW TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDICATIONS AND DAILY DOSES to determine what is true most of the time**
  - Even though the M0780 question says, “all,” CMS clarified that it is “most of the time.”
  - If the client is not managing any medications appropriately, address the problem in your nursing care plan even if you mark “0” for the OASIS item.