

Oral Medication QUICK GUIDE



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.