



MDS-HC Update! ...from the MDS-Coordinator Team

If any member is in need of assistance with ADLs/iADLs and does not currently have services in the home or is refusing services, please provide a detailed explanation in RFS narrative of who is assisting the member. It could be a family member, other relative, neighbor, or friend.

Members who refuse services but who we think qualify for a NHC rating category, need to have a more clear explanation in the RFS narrative as to how they are managing with their ADLs/iADLs despite the refusal of services. For example, while the member may get dressed every day, they are not wearing socks and only wearing slippers because they are in too much pain to bend over to put on socks or other types of shoes. Or while the member manages to wash, they can only do so twice a week at most due to SOB and exhaustion, and because of this, they are unkempt and disheveled.

Also, if you are documenting in Section H that member is receiving help with med management, then that also needs to be explained in detail RFS narrative as to why member needs help, either due to blindness, cognitive impairment, arthritis in hands, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan DeAngelo.