### PURPOSE

To outline the requirements for ongoing updates to the comprehensive assessment (reassessments) and recertification.

### POLICY

The comprehensive assessment must be updated and revised every 60 days beginning with the start of care. A comprehensive assessment, including all required OASIS data elements, must be performed to measure patient progress towards outcomes.

The total plan of care must be renewed at least every 60 days, or more often as warranted by the condition of the patient. Any assessment findings that suggest a need to alter the plan of care will be reported to the patient's physician.

OASIS assessments for recertification, significant change in condition, transfer, resumption of care and discharge will be completed within the mandated time frames.

### PROCEDURE

1. Each clinician will follow the policies and procedures for ongoing assessments for each home visit.
2. For each new episode of care, a comprehensive assessment will be completed no earlier than five (5) days before and no later than one (1) day before the calendar day on which the new episode of care will begin.
3. The update of the comprehensive assessment must, at a minimum, include:
	1. Completion of all follow-up date items of OASIS and any changes in patient status
	2. Drug regimen review of all medications for drug interactions, potential adverse effects and drug reactions, duplicative drug therapy, ineffective drug therapy, significant side effects, significant drug interactions
	3. Documentation of changes in the patient’s assessment finding
4. Each patient will be reassessed using a comprehensive OASIS assessment tool for the review and revision of the plan of care when:
	1. There is a significant change in the patient’s condition, care environment and/or support system
	2. Transfer of a patient to an inpatient facility
	3. The patient returns home after an inpatient admission lasting 24 hours or longer for any purpose other than diagnostic testing
	4. The patient is discharged
	5. The physician will be notified of any of the above (A-D) situations.
5. Documentation in the clinical record should support the assessment as well as the actions taken in response.
6. Two weeks prior to the recertification date, the Clinical Supervisor or designee will alert the clinical personnel regarding the need for a review and update of the plan of care and possible recertification.
7. After the reassessment is conducted (no sooner than five (5) days prior to the recertification date for patients receiving OASIS reassessments), a case conference will be held and documented in the clinical record.
8. The physician will be contacted to verify the continued need for care and his/her agreement with the continued plan of care.
	1. As appropriate, a verbal order to continue home care services will be prepared and sent to the physician (or other authorized licensed practitioner) for signature.
9. The updated plan of care will be prepared and sent to the physician for review and signature in a timely manner.