

OASIS AUDITS: The Perfect Quality Improvement Strategy

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Nothing impacts an agency's quality scores and financial results more immediately and more effectively than a low cost/high impact OASIS audit and training.

Why? Because the OASIS instrument affects both patient outcomes and reimbursement. "And the problem," says Rhonda Will, Clinical Director of the 3M OASIS Integrity Project, "is the complexity of the instrument and the potential for misinterpretation by dedicated but often overwhelmed clinicians. Scoring errors are common, and can have an extremely negative effect on an agency's financial and quality outcomes."

Fazzi audits show clear trends, notes Will, who has been team leader for thousands of patient audits throughout the country. The numbers: 41% had variances in the Clinical Domain, 31% had variances in the Functional Domain and 21% had variances in the Utilization Domain. These variances negatively affect agency quality scores and reimbursement.

"The OASIS instrument can be and should be an incredibly helpful clinical tool," Will notes. "But beware: A mere .05 point off on case mix weight for an agency with 500 SOC can mean a difference of over \$50,000 in reimbursement."

The good news: Improved accuracy can translate to quality and the bottom line in as little as a month or two.

For an OASIS proposal call 800-379-0361.

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