ABILITY Network helps home health agencies eliminate CMS OASIS rejections

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – July 8, 2015 – Most home health agencies already operate at peak capacity with their budget and staffing. Yet because of increased need for services, agencies are challenged to keep an eye on their cash flow and avoid lost or delayed revenue in order to continue to serve their patients.

ABILITY Network, a leading healthcare technology company, has launched a new service designed to help home health agencies increase the accuracy of the Outcome Assessment Information Set (OASIS), a key tool in the Medicare reimbursement process. The OASIS data collection form is used by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure standards of quality care and outcomes as provided by home health agencies. An OASIS form with errors can delay or lose Medicare reimbursement if it fails to accurately reflect services an agency has provided.

"The ABILITY | OPTIMIZE OASIS service detects errors associated with coding and plan of care inclusions and guides the home health agency to ensure the OASIS data set correctly reflects the services rendered and patient status," said Bud Meadows, Executive Vice President of ABILITY Network. The tool uses CMS requirements, clinical processes, coding, outcome requirements and best practices to create rules that spot errors and inaccuracies in the OASIS form.

A simple and intuitive user interface allows the home health provider to upload OASIS files, quickly sort analyzed assessments by inconsistency type, and view analysis results on a patient-by-patient basis, prior to submission to CMS.

The ABILITY service is designed to help home health agencies significantly reduce the amount of time spent validating the accuracy of OASIS forms, allowing for more time spent on patient care and staff education. **"With ABILITY | OPTIMIZE OASIS, agencies can avoid OASIS form rejections from CMS, eliminate inaccurate HIPPS code assignments, and minimize or eliminate the delay or denial of payment from Medicare,"** Meadows added.

Home health providers can also rest easy about the imminent change to ICD-10 coding, according to Meadows. Because ABILITY | OPTIMIZE OASIS continually updates to CMS requirements, agencies don't have to worry about complying with the latest set of codes. **"Our service is current with ICD-9 coding and will be ready to analyze the OASIS-C1/ ICD-10 version of the data set when the October 1 transition comes,"** said Meadows.