

OASIS Accuracy & Compliance Checklist

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Before You Start OASIS:

- Confirm you are working under the correct OASIS type (SOC, ROC, RCT, Discharge, or Transfer).
- Verify patient identifiers, insurance, and homebound status before beginning.
- Review prior episode documentation and therapy notes for continuity of care.
- Ensure visit date and time match your EMR entries and narrative documentation.

Clinical Accuracy Checks:

- Assess and score functional items (M1800 series) based on the patient's usual ability—not their best or worst day.
- Correlate all medication lists and disease diagnoses with your assessment findings.
- Ensure vital signs, wound measurements, and weights are current and match narrative entries.
- Document all new findings and any communication with the provider for changes in condition.

Documentation Language Tips:

- Use skilled, measurable language—avoid vague phrases like 'monitor' or 'continue to assess.'
- State what you did, why it was necessary, and the patient response.
- For wound care or medication management, describe teaching content and return demonstration.
- Ensure the narrative supports your OASIS scoring and skilled need.

Compliance Review Before Submission:

- Check that all OASIS M-items are completed with no blanks or mismatched logic.
- Confirm visit time, date, and frequency align with orders and plan of care.
- Review your documentation for skilled-need justification and clinical reasoning.
- Ensure all required signatures and cosigns are present before locking the chart.

This checklist is a general guide for educational purposes and should be used alongside your agency's policy, CMS guidelines, and EMR protocols.