interRAI LTCF: What's Different

interRAI Long-Term Care Facilities

The interRAI assessment instruments are a rich source of information to support clinical and organizational decision-making. Because these clinical assessments share core assessment items and use standardized language, the information remains meaningful across health care sectors and promotes continuity of care.

The interRAI Long-Term Care Facilities (interRAI LTCF) © is part of the new suite of interRAI assessment instruments and focuses on assessing and monitoring the status of persons in residential care facilities such as nursing homes, long-term care facilities or personal care homes.

About this job aid

This job aid provides experienced assessors with information on some of the similarities and differences between the interRAI LTCF and its earlier version, the Resident Assessment Instrument–Minimum Data Set 2.0 (RAI-MDS 2.0). It is highly recommended that you have a copy of the *interRAI Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) Assessment Form and User's Manual, Version 9.1.3, Canadian Edition* to refer to as you work through this job aid. The manual is currently available from the interRAI bookstore.

Benefits of the new suite

Development of a new interRAI suite of assessment instruments was driven by the continuous use of the assessments at the point of care, along with ongoing rigorous research by interRAI. The suite of interRAI assessment instruments offers opportunities to improve care through a number of enhancements.

interRAI LTCF enhancements

- Consistent, simplified terms, definitions and coding options are easier to understand and use.
- A standard 3-day observation period is used consistently across assessments.
- "Yes" equals 1 and "no" equals 0 across all response sets.
- Some outcome scales have been revised and new ones developed.
- Expanded response sets provide greater accuracy by identifying indicators that have been "present but not exhibited in the last 3 days" (e.g., behaviour symptoms).
- New, more clinically relevant items have been added, including
  - Measures of physical performance that assess stamina with a timed 4-metre walk test;
  - Items for stressful life events and breakthrough pain; and
  - Items that emphasize a person's outlook (finding meaning in day-to-day life, relationships with family members) or perspective (self-reported mood, self-rated health, goals of care).

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- Important areas that affect a person's quality of life have been redesigned to improve consistency in assessing, such as activities of daily living (ADLs).
- Some items have been removed (e.g., saw halos or rings around lights, limitations in range of motion).

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The standard observation period for the interRAI LTCF is the last 3 days unless otherwise noted on the form or in the manual.

Section A. Identification Information

Item	What's different	Item description
A2a. SEX	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the person's sex that was assigned at birth.
A2b. GENDER IDENTITY	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the person's gender identity, which may be the same as or different from birth-assigned sex.
A2c. PERSON SELF-IDENTIFIES GENDER AS:	New to interRAI LTCF	Optional completion if the person responded "Other" to A2b (Gender Identity). Record the person's verbatim response in an open text box.
A8. REASON FOR ASSESSMENT	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures quarterly assessment as 2 (Routine reassessment). Includes code 6 (Discharge tracking only).
A9. ASSESSMENT REFERENCE DATE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the designated end point of the common observation period for items on the interRAI LTCF.
A10. PERSON'S EXPRESSED GOALS OF CARE	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures goals of care using free text to record the person's verbatim response. Enter primary goal in the single line of boxes at the bottom.
A11. TIME SINCE LAST HOSPITAL STAY	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the most recent instance of hospitalization in the last 90 days.
A12. RETURN DATE	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the date the previously discharged person was readmitted to the long-term care facility.

Section B. Intake and Initial History (completed at first assessment only)

Item	What's different	Item description
B1. LEVEL OF CONTROL PERSON HAD OVER DECISION TO MOVE INTO LTC	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures whether the person had control over the decision to move to the facility.
B1a. ADMITTED FROM	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes more detailed coding options that specifically define where the person was admitted from.
B5c. USUAL RESIDENTIAL STATUS	New to interRAI LTCF	Indicates the type of residence the person usually lives in.
B7. LIVING ARRANGEMENT PRIOR TO ADMISSION	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes more detailed coding options that specifically define who the person was living with prior to admission.

Item	What's different	Item description
B8c. MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENCE	New to interRAI LTCF	Provides an option to identify whether the person had a prior stay in a residential setting for adults with mental health problems over the last 5 years.
B8e. SETTING FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY	New to interRAI LTCF	Provides an option to identify whether the person had a prior stay in a setting that provides services to persons with intellectual disabilities over the last 5 years.
B8f. CONTINUING CARE HOSPITAL/UNIT	New to interRAI LTCF	Provides an option to identify whether the person had a prior stay in a continuing care unit/hospital over the last 5 years.
B10. INTERPRETER NEEDED	New to interRAI LTCF	Identifies whether the person requires the assistance of an interpreter to communicate with others.

Section C. Cognition

Item	What's different	Item description
C2a. SHORT-TERM MEMORY OK	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Preferred testing method is 3-word memory test.
C2c. PROCEDURAL MEMORY OK	New to interRAI LTCF	Identifies whether the person can complete all or almost all subtasks associated with a task (e.g., dressing).
C2d. SITUATIONAL MEMORY OK	New to interRAI LTCF	Identifies the person's cognitive ability to recognize both people and places that are regularly visited.
C4. ACUTE CHANGE IN MENTAL STATUS FROM PERSON'S USUAL FUNCTIONING	New to interRAI LTCF	Specifically identifies whether mental status changes have been sudden or recent.
C5. CHANGE IN DECISION MAKING AS COMPARED TO 90 DAYS AGO	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures only whether there has been a change in decision-making, not whether there has been a change in memory, awareness or recall.

Section E. Mood and Behaviour

Item	What's different	Item description
E1. INDICATORS OF POSSIBLE DEPRESSED, ANXIOUS OR SAD MOOD	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes an option to document that indicator was present and active but not exhibited in the last 3 days.
E1k. EXPRESSION, INCLUDING NONVERBAL, OF A LACK OF PLEASURE IN LIFE (ANHEDONIA)	New to interRAI LTCF	Indicates anhedonia, where the person is no longer able to enjoy activities or situations they would normally find pleasurable.
E2a. LITTLE INTEREST OR PLEASURE IN THINGS YOU NORMALLY ENJOY?	New to interRAI LTCF	Use only the person's response to complete each item. Use response 8 when the person is unable or unwilling to respond.
E2b. ANXIOUS, RESTLESS OR UNEASY?	New to interRAI LTCF	Use only the person's response to complete each item. Use response 8 when the person is unable or unwilling to respond.

Item	What's different	Item description
E2c. SAD, DEPRESSED OR HOPELESS?	New to interRAI LTCF	Use only the person's response to complete each item. Use response 8 when the person is unable or unwilling to respond.
E3. BEHAVIOUR SYMPTOMS	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes an option to document that behaviour was present and active but not exhibited in the last 3 days. Does not capture alterability.

Section F. Psychosocial Well-Being

Item	What's different	Item description
F1a. PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF LONG-STANDING INTEREST	New to interRAI LTCF	Activity must involve interaction with at least one other person.
F1b. VISIT WITH A LONG-STANDING SOCIAL RELATION OR FAMILY MEMBER	New to interRAI LTCF	The person was visited by (or made a visit to) any family member, friend or social acquaintance who has a long-standing relationship with the person.
F1c. OTHER INTERACTION WITH LONG-STANDING SOCIAL RELATION OR FAMILY MEMBER	New to interRAI LTCF	Includes other common ways of interacting with people, such as by telephone or email.
F2e. INITIATES INTERACTION(S) WITH OTHERS	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the extent to which the person approaches others, either for conversation or to join in with social activities.
F2f. REACTS POSITIVELY TO INTERACTIONS INITIATED BY OTHERS	New to interRAI LTCF	When approached by others, the person participates in the suggested activity, or agrees to participate at another time.
F3c. STAFF REPORT PERSISTENT FRUSTRATION IN DEALING WITH PERSON	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures whether 1 or more staff members report experiencing an ongoing, repetitive or continuous sense of frustration in their interactions with the person.
F3d. FAMILY OR CLOSE FRIENDS REPORT FEELING OVERWHELMED BY PERSON'S ILLNESS	New to interRAI LTCF	Family or close friends must verbally indicate to staff that they are feeling overwhelmed by the person's illness.
F3e. SAYS OR INDICATES THAT HE OR SHE FEELS LONELY	New to interRAI LTCF	The person may indicate they feel lonely even if visited regularly.
F4. MAJOR LIFE STRESSORS IN LAST 90 DAYS	New to interRAI LTCF	Identifies experiences that either disrupted or threatened to disrupt the person's daily routine and imposed some degree of readjustment.
F5a. CONSISTENT POSITIVE OUTLOOK	New to interRAI LTCF	The person has a personality that helps them maintain a positive outlook, even when experiencing serious medical problems and symptoms or a severe loss of function.
F5b. FINDS MEANING IN DAY-TO-DAY LIFE	New to interRAI LTCF	Considers whether the person is able to identify meaningful activities or important social relationships that they continue to value.
F5c. STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILY	New to interRAI LTCF	The person or primary caregiver indicates they have a supportive relationship with family member(s).

Section G. Functional Status

Item	What's different	Item description
G1. ADL SELF-PERFORMANCE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set has been revised.
G1a. BATHING	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the amount of support received in the last 3 days for a full-body bath or shower.
G1g. TRANSFER TOILET	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures how the person moves on and off the toilet or commode.
G1h. TOILET USE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Excludes transfer on/off toilet, which is captured in G1g (Transfer Toilet).
G2a. PRIMARY MODE OF LOCOMOTION — INDOORS	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set identifies persons who are bed-bound.
G2b. TIMED 4-METRE (13-FOOT) WALK	New to interRAI LTCF	Provides a measure of the person's stamina based on time taken to walk a measured distance.
G2c. DISTANCE WALKED	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the farthest distance walked at 1 time without sitting down in the last 3 days.
G2d. DISTANCE WHEELED SELF	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the farthest distance the person wheeled themselves at 1 time in the last 3 days.
G3a. TOTAL HOURS OF EXERCISE OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 3 DAYS — ACTIVITY LEVEL	New to interRAI LTCF	Response set identifies specific time frames.
G3b. IN THE LAST 3 DAYS, NUMBER OF DAYS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE OR BUILDING IN WHICH HE/SHE RESIDES	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the number of days the person went out of the house or building in which they reside, no matter how long the period was.

Section H. Continence

Item	What's different	Item description
H1. BLADDER CONTINENCE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes option to identify a person who is continent with any catheter or ostomy.
H3. BOWEL CONTINENCE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes option to identify a person who is continent with an ostomy.
H4. OSTOMY	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures bowel ostomy only.

Section I. Disease Diagnoses

Item	What's different	Item description
I1. DISEASE DIAGNOSES	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set captures identification of primary diagnoses and whether active treatments are associated with other current diseases.
I1a. HIP FRACTURE DURING LAST 30 DAYS	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Identifies a person who has sustained a hip fracture in the last 30 days only.

Section J. Health Conditions

Item	What's different	Item description
J1a. **FALLS LAST 30 DAYS**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the number of falls in the last 30 days.
J1b. **FALLS 31–90 DAYS AGO**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the number of falls between 31 and 90 days ago.
J1c. **FALLS 91–180 DAYS AGO**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the number of falls between 91 and 180 days ago.
J2. **PROBLEM FREQUENCY**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set includes options to document that symptoms were present but not exhibited in last 3 days, or number of days exhibited in last 3 days.
J2a. **DIFFICULT OR UNABLE TO MOVE SELF TO STANDING POSITION UNASSISTED**	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the frequency with which the person has difficulty or is unable to move themselves to a standing position unassisted.
J2b. **DIFFICULT OR UNABLE TO TURN SELF AROUND AND FACE THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION WHEN STANDING**	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the frequency with which the person has difficulty or is unable to turn themselves around and face the opposite direction when standing.
J2f. **DIFFICULTY CLEARING AIRWAY SECRETIONS**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person reports being unable, or has been observed to be unable, to cough effectively to expel respiratory secretions or has been unable to mobilize secretions or sputum from mouth.
J2g. **ABNORMAL THOUGHT PROCESS**	New to interRAI LTCF	When the person is observed, there are apparent abnormalities in the form or way in which thoughts are expressed.
J2k. **ACID REFLUX**	New to interRAI LTCF	The regurgitation of small amounts of acid from the stomach to the throat.
J2o. **DIFFICULTY FALLING ASLEEP OR STAYING ASLEEP, WAKING UP TOO EARLY, RESTLESSNESS, NON-RESTFUL SLEEP**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the frequency with which the person has difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep; is waking up too early; is restless; and/or has a non-restful sleep.
J2p. **TOO MUCH SLEEP**	New to interRAI LTCF	An excessive amount of sleep that interferes with the person's normal functioning.
J2s. **GI OR GU BLEEDING**	New to interRAI LTCF	Gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding is any documented bleeding as diagnosed by a gastrointestinal evaluation, or any evidence of current bleeding through rectal exam or guaiac testing. Genitourinary (GU) bleeding is bleeding that occurs anywhere along the genitourinary tract.
J2t. **HYGIENE**	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures unusually poor hygiene.
J3. **DYSPNEA**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	If dyspnea was not present in the last 3 days because the person was not active, code 1 or 2 based on the activity level that would normally have caused dyspnea.
J4. **FATIGUE**	New to interRAI LTCF	If fatigue was not present in the last 3 days because the person was not active, code according to the activity level that would have caused fatigue.

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J5b. INTENSITY OF HIGHEST LEVEL OF PAIN PRESENT	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Ensure that the highest pain intensity experienced by the person is captured. Response set now includes 5 options.
J5c. CONSISTENCY OF PAIN	New to interRAI LTCF	Measures the frequency (ebb and flow) of pain from the person's perspective.
J5d. BREAKTHROUGH PAIN	New to interRAI LTCF	The person experienced a sudden, acute flare-up of pain 1 or more times in the last 3 days.
J5e. PAIN CONTROL	New to interRAI LTCF	Describes the adequacy or inadequacy of the person's pain control measures.
J6c. END-STAGE DISEASE, 6 OR FEWER MONTHS TO LIVE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures whether the person or family has been told the physician believes the person has 6 or fewer months to live.
J7. SELF-REPORTED HEALTH	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the person's response, not the perspective of the assessor, family or friends.
J8a. SMOKES TOBACCO DAILY	New to interRAI LTCF	Refers to cigars, cigarettes or any other tobacco product that is inhaled.
J8b. ALCOHOL	New to interRAI LTCF	Identifies the highest number of alcoholic drinks the person had in a single sitting during the last 14 days.

Section K. Oral and Nutritional Status

Item	What's different	Item description
K1b. WEIGHT	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	If unable to weigh, can use estimates from the person, family or caregiver.
K2b. DEHYDRATED OR BUN/ CREATININE RATIO >20	New to interRAI LTCF	May base response for this item on the person's laboratory results or on the assessor's clinical judgment of signs and symptoms of dehydration.
K2c. FLUID INTAKE LESS THAN 1,000 ML PER DAY	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Identifies persons who consumed less than 1,000 mL per day.
K2d. FLUID OUTPUT EXCEEDS INPUT	New to interRAI LTCF	Fluid loss exceeds the amount of fluids the person takes in.
K2e. DECREASE IN AMOUNT OF FOOD OR FLUID USUALLY CONSUMED	New to interRAI LTCF	A decrease in overall consumption as compared with the amount of food or fluid that the person normally consumes.
K2f. ATE ONE OR FEWER MEALS ON AT LEAST 2 OF LAST 3 DAYS	New to interRAI LTCF	The person ate 1 or fewer meals composed of a nutritionally balanced plateful or bowlful of food that would normally satisfy the appetite of an average adult in that culture.
K3. MODE OF NUTRITIONAL INTAKE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures compensatory strategies in place to address swallowing difficulties, as well as tube and parenteral feeding.
K5d. REPORTS HAVING DRY MOUTH	New to interRAI LTCF	Includes difficulty moving a food bolus in their mouth.

Section L. Skin Condition

Item	What's different	Item description
L1. **MOST SEVERE PRESSURE ULCER**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Identifies the presence of highest-stage pressure ulcer. Response set includes an option to capture ulcers that are unstageable.
L3. **PRESENCE OF SKIN ULCER OTHER THAN PRESSURE ULCER**	New to interRAI LTCF	Identifies the presence of all ulcers except pressure ulcers.
L4. **MAJOR SKIN PROBLEMS**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Identifies the presence of major skin problems, including lesions, surgical wounds and burns from various sources.
L7. **FOOT PROBLEMS**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Coding options indicate whether foot problems affect walking.

Section M. Activity Pursuit

Item	What's different	Item description
M2. **ACTIVITY PREFERENCES AND INVOLVEMENT**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Coding options identify the person's activity preferences, as well as whether they have been involved in the activity.
M2b. **COMPUTER ACTIVITY**	New to interRAI LTCF	Coding options identify the person's activity preferences, as well as whether they have been involved in computer activity.
M2e. **DANCING**	New to interRAI LTCF	Coding options identify the person's activity preferences, as well as whether they have been involved in dancing.
M2f. **DISCUSSING/REMINISCING ABOUT LIFE**	New to interRAI LTCF	Coding options identify the person's activity preferences, as well as whether they have been involved in discussing/reminiscing about life.
M2k. **PETS**	New to interRAI LTCF	Includes the person's preference of interacting with or observing pets in the facility.
M3. **TIME ASLEEP DURING THE DAY**	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the time the person is asleep during the day.

Section N. Medications

Item	What's different	Item description
N1. **LIST OF ALL MEDICATIONS**	New to interRAI LTCF	This item is **optional**. The observation period for this item is the last 3 days.
N1b. **DOSE**	New to interRAI LTCF	Record the dose exactly as it is written on the medication bottle.
N1c. **UNITS**	New to interRAI LTCF	Examples include "gtts," "mg" and "mL."
N1d. **ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set provides revised acronyms to code the route of administration. For example, OPTH is eye.
N1e. **FREQUENCY**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set provides revised acronyms to code the frequency with which medications are taken. For example, Q1H (every hour) and Daily.

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N1f. **PRN**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Indicates whether a PRN medication has been given (or not) in the last 3 days. Code STAT medications as 1 in this column.
N1e. **FREQUENCY**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set provides revised acronyms to code the frequency with which medications are taken. For example, Q1H (every hour) and Daily.
N1f. **PRN**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Indicates whether a PRN medication has been given (or not) in the last 3 days. Code STAT medications as 1 in this column.
N2. **ALLERGY TO ANY DRUG**	New to interRAI LTCF	The presence of an allergy by a history of a serious negative reaction to a particular drug or category of drugs.
N4. **TOTAL NUMBER OF HERBAL/ NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS**	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures the number of different herbal/nutritional supplements taken in the last 3 days.
N5. **RECENTLY CHANGED MEDICATIONS**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures whether the person has been prescribed a new medication or had a medication stopped or altered in the last 14 days.
N6. **SELF-REPORTED NEED FOR MEDICATION REVIEW**	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures whether the person has concerns about the medications they are taking that should be discussed with a health professional.
N8. **MEDICATION BY DAILY INJECTION**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Subcutaneous, intramuscular or intradermal injections (not IV) in last 3 days.

Section O. Treatment and Procedures

Item	What's different	Item description
O1. **PREVENTION**	New to interRAI LTCF	Observation period varies for each item.
O1a. **BLOOD PRESSURE MEASURED IN LAST YEAR**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person's blood pressure was measured by a clinician.
O1b. **COLONOSCOPY TEST IN LAST 5 YEARS**	New to interRAI LTCF	The entire colon (from anus to cecum) was viewed by means of a fibre optic colonoscope.
O1c. **DENTAL EXAM IN LAST YEAR**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person underwent a dental examination by a dentist, oral surgeon or dental hygienist.
O1d. **EYE EXAM IN LAST YEAR**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person underwent an eye examination by an ophthalmologist, optometrist, physician, nurse or other clinician.
O1e. **HEARING EXAM IN LAST 2 YEARS**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person underwent a hearing examination by an audiologist or other clinician.
O1f. **INFLUENZA VACCINE IN LAST YEAR**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person has received vaccination for influenza prevention.
O1g. **MAMMOGRAM OR BREAST EXAM IN LAST 2 YEARS (WOMEN)**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person had either a mammogram or a breast examination.
O1h. **PNEUMOVAX VACCINATION IN LAST 5 YEARS**	New to interRAI LTCF	The person has received vaccination for pneumonia prevention.

Item	What's different	Item description
O2. TREATMENT AND PROGRAMS RECEIVED OR SCHEDULED IN THE LAST 3 DAYS	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Response set for all of O2 captures the person's adherence in the last 3 days to prescribed treatments, therapies and programs.
O2c. INFECTION CONTROL	New to interRAI LTCF	Isolation or quarantine imposed to prevent the spread of a contagious disease.
O2k. WOUND CARE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Includes a range of treatments and applications, such as topical medications, dressings, suture removal and debridement.
O3. THERAPY/NURSING SERVICES IN LAST 7 DAYS	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Column A captures the number of days the therapy/nursing service was scheduled.
O3c. SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Includes services of a qualified audiologist.
O3e. FUNCTIONAL REHABILITATION OR WALKING PROGRAM BY LICENSED NURSE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures rehabilitation interventions or walking programs done by nurses collectively (not specifically).
O7. RESTRICTIVE DEVICES	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Coding options are more specific.

Section Q. Discharge Potential

Item	What's different	Item description
Q1c. HAS HOUSING AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY	New to interRAI LTCF	Captures whether the person has housing available in the community if discharged.
Q2. HOW LONG PERSON IS EXPECTED TO STAY IN THE CURRENT SETTING OR UNDER THE CARE OF THIS SERVICE PRIOR TO DISCHARGE TO COMMUNITY	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Discharge potential coding options are more specific.

Section R. Discharge

Item	What's different	Item description
DISCHARGE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Complete this section at discharge only.
R2. RESIDENTIAL/LIVING STATUS AFTER DISCHARGE	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Comprehensive coding options for person's living arrangement after discharge from the long-term care facility.
R5. COVID-19 STATUS	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Captures the person's COVID-19 status at the time of discharge, based on their last COVID-19 test in the last 90 days.

Section S. Assessment Information

Item	What's different	Item description
S1. **SIGNATURE OF PERSON COORDINATING/ COMPLETING ASSESSMENT**	Similar to RAI-MDS 2.0	Signature of assessment coordinator only required.

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