

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0280) Life Expectancy: (Physician documentation is not required.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - Life expectancy is greater than 6 months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Life expectancy is 6 months or fewer</p>
DEFINITION:
Identifies those patients for whom life expectancy is fewer than six months.
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
<p>Start of care</p> <p>Resumption of care</p> <p>Discharge from agency – not to an inpatient facility</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “Do Not Resuscitate” order does not need to be in place.
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>Interview the patient/caregiver to obtain past health history. Observe current health status. Consider medical diagnosis and referring physician’s expectations for patient. If the patient is frail and highly dependent on others, ask the family whether the physician has informed them about life expectancy. Based on information received from these data sources, make informed judgment regarding life expectancy.</p>