

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0340) Patient Lives With: (Mark all that apply.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Lives alone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 - With spouse or significant other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 - With other family member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 - With a friend</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 - With paid help (other than home care agency staff)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6 - With other than above</p>
DEFINITION:
Identifies whomever the patient is living with at this time, even if the arrangement is temporary.
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
Start of care Resumption of care Discharge from agency – not to an inpatient facility
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Other family member” could include in-laws, children, cousins, etc. • “Paid help” would include help provided under a special program (e.g., Medicaid), even though the patient may not be directly paying for this help. Intermittent (e.g., a few hours each day, one to two days a week, etc.) paid help does not classify as help the patient “lives with.”
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
This is information all agencies need to know in planning care and services. Try to incorporate this question into the conversation, so the patient does not feel an investigation is being conducted.