

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0360) Primary Caregiver taking <u>lead</u> responsibility for providing or managing the patient's care, providing the most frequent assistance, etc. (other than home care agency staff):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No one person [If No one person, go to M0390] *</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Spouse or significant other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Daughter or son</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Other family member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Friend or neighbor or community or church member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Paid help</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> UK - Unknown [If Unknown, go to M0390] **</p> <p>* At discharge, change M0390 to M0410.</p> <p>** At discharge, omit "UK - Unknown."</p>
DEFINITION:
<p>Identifies the person who is "in charge" of providing and coordinating the patient's care. A case manager hired to oversee care, but who does not provide any assistance is not considered the primary caregiver. This person may employ others to provide direct assistance, in which case "paid help" is considered the primary caregiver.</p>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
<p>Start of care Resumption of care Discharge from agency – not to inpatient facility</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If one person assumes <u>lead responsibility</u> for managing care, but another provides <u>most frequent</u> assistance, assess further to determine if one should be designated as primary caregiver or if Response 0 – No one person, is most appropriate. • Response 5 – Paid help includes all individuals who are paid to provide assistance to the patient, whether paid by the patient, family, or a specific program (e.g., a non-agency community program). An agency other than the home care agency doing the assessment who provides assistance to the patient would be classified as paid help. • If the <u>primary</u> caregiver is the patient himself (or herself), mark Response 0 - No one person. • If "No one person" is selected at discharge, clinician should be instructed to go to M0410.
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>From M0350, it is known that the patient receives assistance. Interview to determine whom the patient considers to be the primary caregiver. For example, ask, "Of the people who help you, is there one person who is 'in charge' of making sure things get done?" "Who would you call if you needed help or assistance?"</p>