OASIS ITEM:

(M0710) Feeding or Eating: Ability to feed self meals and snacks. **Note: This refers only to the process of eating, chewing, and swallowing, not preparing the food to be eaten.**

Prior	Current			
☐	☐	0	-	Able to independently feed self.
☐	☐	1	-	Able to feed self independently but requires: (a) meal set-up; OR (b) intermittent assistance or supervision from another person; OR (c) a liquid, pureed or ground meat diet.
☐	☐	2	-	Unable to feed self and must be assisted or supervised throughout the meal/snack.
☐	☐	3	-	Able to take in nutrients orally and receives supplemental nutrients through a nasogastric tube or gastrostomy.
☐	☐	4	-	Unable to take in nutrients orally and is fed nutrients through a nasogastric tube or gastrostomy.
☐	☐	5	-	Unable to take in nutrients orally or by tube feeding.
☐		UK	-	Unknown

DEFINITION:

Identifies the patient's ability to feed self meals, including the process of eating, chewing and swallowing food. This item excludes evaluation of the preparation of food items. The prior column should describe the patient's ability 14 days prior to the start (or resumption) of care visit. The focus for today's assessment – the "current" column – is on what the patient is able to do today.

TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:

Start of care - prior and current ability
Resumption of care - prior and current ability
Discharge from agency - not to an inpatient facility -- current ability

RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- Responses 3, 4, and 5 include non-oral intake.
- "UK - Unknown" is an option only in the "prior" column. This response should be used only if there is no way to determine the patient's prior ability on this item.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:

A combined observation/interview approach with the patient or caregiver is required to determine the most accurate response for this item. Determine the amount and type of assistance that is provided to the patient while he/she is eating. During the nutritional assessment, determine whether special preparations (i.e., pureeing, grinding, etc.) must occur for food to be swallowed or whether tube feedings are necessary.