BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTY CODING AND COMPLIANCE (BMSC) EXAM INFORMATION FOR TEST CENTER ADMINISTRATORS

General Information

There are four (4) exams in this program. General rules allow for test center issued scratch paper and test center issued pencil. Candidate cannot use any other writing instrument. Use of electronic devices is prohibited. Calculators are NOT allowed.

Test Engine
ATLAS

Check-In Requirements

- 1 unexpired Government-issued photo ID that bears the candidate's first and last name.
- 2nd form of ID required. Examples are: Credit Card, Library Card, Costco Card, etc.
- First and Last name on ID must match the name in the PSI system (for any discrepancies, use the Acceptable Names Discrepancy document to determine if the candidate's name variance will be permitted).
- Photo of candidate will **NOT** be taken.

Exam Aids/Figure Books/Plan Sets Allowed for Candidate Use

See below table for acceptable references the candidate can bring with them.

ANY paper-based OASIS reference materials during the examination, including, but not limited to CMS Core OASIS Documents, OASIS Guidance Manual, CMS OASIS Q&A's, the Blueprint for OASIS Accuracy handout and an INSTANT OASIS Answers book. Handwritten notes and tabs are allowed.

Score Reports
Score report is issued at end of testing.

Exam Details

*Electronic code look-up systems are *NOT* allowed in the testing room. A hard copy coding manual is the *only* allowable resource. The hard copy coding manual may have commercially produced, pre-printed alpha tabs or tabular section dividers (A through Z) that are affixed. Post-It notes, loose papers or any other papers attached by any means are *NOT* allowed. You may have annotations written on the coding manual pages including the notes pages at the back of the manual but must be free of any notes containing coding rules and guidelines from other reference materials (for example, Coding Clinic, Home Health ICD-10-CM Coding Answers, and similar materials). The testing center staff (proctor) reserves the right to deny code books that contain excessive writing and information that may give the candidate an unfair advantage.

Exam Title	Materials Allowed	Books/References Allowed
2021 Homecare Coding Specialist – Diagnosis ICD-10	Scratch Paper Pencil	Only ONE of the following manuals may be taken into the testing room: • *Decision Health Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual, 2022 Edition* • *Decision Health Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual, 2021 Edition* • *Decision Health Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual, 2020 Edition* • *Any other vendor's ICD-10 coding manual (2020, 2021 or 2022 Edition)* *In addition to the above referenced coding manual, the FY2021 Official Guidelines provided here may be taken into the testing room.* **NOTE:** *Only the watermarked guidelines provided through this link will be allowed in the testing room as an additional resource.*
Home Care Specialist-Compliance	Scratch Paper Pencil	*No References Allowed*
Homecare Clinical Specialist - OASIS	Scratch Paper Pencil	The OASIS Form Companion Guide or Instant OASIS Answers Reference Guide (bound or spiral version), consisting of the following documents: • *OASIS Assessment form* • *OASIS-D1: OASIS Update for CY 2020* • *OASIS-D Guidance Manual (chapter 1)* • *OASIS Guidance Manual (chapter 3)* • *OASIS-D Guidance Manual Errata* • *Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses Society Guidance on OASIS Integumentary Item* • *OASIS Considerations for Medicare PDGM Patients* • *OASIS-D Static Questions & Answers* • *CMS Quarterly Q&A's* ** The candidate may supplement this guide with the published quarterly Q&As. Version year 2020 or 2021 is acceptable. Note, BMSC recommends the current version year, 2021, when taking the HCS-O exam. In lieu of purchasing the above resources, the candidate may download the materials from various regulatory sites; however, the materials MUST be clearly labeled and bound in ONE binder. If the proctor cannot clearly identify the allowable resources, the candidate will not be allowed to take the resources into the testing room.*

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		• *Decision Health Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual, 2022 Edition*
		• *Decision Health Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual, 2021 Edition*
		• *Decision Health Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual, 2020 Edition*
		• *Any other vendor's ICD-10 coding manual (2020, 2021 or 2022 Edition)*
		In addition to the above referenced coding manual, the FY2021 official guidelines provided [here](#) *may be taken into the testing room.* **NOTE:** *Only the watermarked guidelines provided through this link will be allowed in the testing room as an additional resource.*