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## 42 C.F.R. § 483.20

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### Resident assessment.

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The facility must conduct initially and periodically a comprehensive, accurate, standardized, reproducible assessment of each resident's functional capacity.

- (a) *Admission orders.* At the time each resident is admitted, the facility must have physician orders for the resident's immediate care.
- (b) *Comprehensive assessments—(1) Resident assessment instrument.* A facility must make a comprehensive assessment of a resident's needs, strengths, goals, life history and preferences, using the resident assessment instrument (RAI) specified by CMS. The assessment must include at least the following:
  - (i) Identification and demographic information.
  - (ii) Customary routine.
  - (iii) Cognitive patterns.
  - (iv) Communication.
  - (v) Vision.
  - (vi) Mood and behavior patterns.
  - (vii) Psychosocial well-being.
  - (viii) Physical functioning and structural problems.
  - (ix) Continence.
  - (x) Disease diagnoses and health conditions.
  - (xi) Dental and nutritional status.
  - (xii) Skin condition.
  - (xiii) Activity pursuit.
  - (xiv) Medications.
  - (xv) Special treatments and procedures.
  - (xvi) Discharge planning.
  - (xvii) Documentation of summary information regarding the additional assessment performed on the care

areas triggered by the completion of the Minimum Data Set (MDS).

(xviii) Documentation of participation in assessment. The assessment process must include direct observation and communication with the resident, as well as communication with licensed and nonlicensed direct care staff members on all shifts.

(2) *When required.* Subject to the timeframes prescribed in § 413.343(b) of this chapter, a facility must conduct a comprehensive assessment of a resident in accordance with the timeframes specified in paragraphs (b)(2) (i) through (iii) of this section. The timeframes prescribed in § 413.343(b) of this chapter do not apply to CAHs.

(i) Within 14 calendar days after admission, excluding readmissions in which there is no significant change in the resident's physical or mental condition. (For purposes of this section, “readmission” means a return to the facility following a temporary absence for hospitalization or for therapeutic leave.)

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