



## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid Providers of Nursing Facility Services

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RE: MDS 3.0 Section Q referral process

**Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.**

Effective September 24, 2018, provider bulletin No. 10-42 is rescinded and sending electronic referrals for Minimum State Set (MDS) Section Q through the Nebraska Resource and Referral System (NRRS) <http://nrrs.ne.gov/mds> will no longer be available. The local service coordination agencies will continue to accept Section Q referrals by phone or e-mail.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires completion of Section Q of the MDS 3.0, which asks nursing home residents if they: a) are interested in returning to the community, and b) would like to speak to someone about this possibility.

When residents answer yes to either Section Q questions of the MDS 3.0, the nursing home then makes the referral to their local service coordination agency. Local agencies are the Area Agencies on Aging and the League of Human Dignity.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Home and Community Based Services Unit via email at [DHHS.HCBSHomeandCommunityBasedServices@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.HCBSHomeandCommunityBasedServices@nebraska.gov).

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