

If a SCSSA MDS is completed, the next annual assessment is not due until 366 days after the ARD of the significant change in status assessment.

**NOTE:** For information on assessment scheduling for the MDS, see Chapter 2 of the Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument 3.0 User's Manual. Link to the LTCF RAI User's Manual: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursinghomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>.

Circumstances when a change in resident status is **not** significant include, but are not limited to:

- Short-term acute illness, such as a mild fever secondary to a cold from which the IDT expects the resident to fully recover.
- Well-established, predictable cyclical patterns of clinical signs and symptoms associated with previously diagnosed conditions (e.g., depressive symptoms in a resident previously diagnosed with bipolar disease would not precipitate a Significant Change Assessment).
- Instances in which the resident continues to make steady progress under the current course of care. Reassessment is required only when the condition has stabilized.
- Instances in which the resident has stabilized but is expected to be discharged in the immediate future. The facility has engaged in discharge planning with the resident and family, and a comprehensive reassessment is not necessary to facilitate discharge planning.

## **PROBES**

- Did the facility identify, in a timely manner, those residents who experienced a significant change in status?
- Is there documentation in the medical record when the determination was made that the resident met the criteria for a Significant Change in Status Assessment?
- Did the facility reassess residents who had a significant change in status, using the CMS-specified RAI, within 14 days after determining the change was significant?

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### **§483.20(c) Quarterly Review Assessment**

**A facility must assess a resident using the quarterly review instrument specified by the State and approved by CMS not less frequently than once every 3 months.**

### **INTENT §483.20(c)**

To assure each resident is assessed using the standardized Quarterly Review assessment tool no less than once every 3 months between comprehensive assessments.