




“2 Midnight rule” documentation in PDOC template

WHAT: On June 5th a new REQUIRED field will be in the “QUAL” tab of all PDOC Inpatient progress note templates (both Medical and Surgical).

WHY: It is a CMS requirement that Providers must document reasons for continued inpatient stay. There are separate ones for “Medical” and “Surgical” templates specific.

PROCESS:



These are required fields.

1. Located in the QUAL section, this is a “hard stop” so the document cannot be signed until this field is answered. This field must be answered each day.
2. In the **Medical** type templates

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*Reason(s) cont inpatient stay	defer to attending physician discharging today acute coronary syndrome acute CVA acute renal failure acute respiratory failure cardiac monitoring	continue IV diuretic further diagnostic testing high chest tube output high oxygen requirements IV antibiotics IV pain control mechanical ventilation	nausea, continue IV antiemetic pain uncontrolled, consult surgical intervention transition to oral pain control vomiting, continue IV antiemetic OTHER
3. In the **Surgical** type templates

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*Reason(s) cont inpatient stay	defer to attending physician discharging today advance diet anastomotic leak awaiting return of bowel function continue chest tube continue IV antibiotics continue NPO continued pain management dehydration, continue IVF	high drain output high ostomy output ileus impaired LE circulation impaired wound healing monitor liver function monitor temperature curve nausea, continue IV antiemetic no ostomy output pain uncontrolled	physical therapy for post op reconstruction post op anemia, check H&H in am post op bowel obstruction post op thoracic outlet post op thoracoabdominal aortic transition to Oral pain medications vomiting, continue IV antiemetic WBC elevated, check CBC in am OTHER
4. Note that the two most common answers are first and second in the list, “defer to attending” and “discharging today”.
5. If you cannot find an appropriate choice or require additional reasons, please use “OTHER” to specify.

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