

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please include only one recommendation on each form.

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Each recommendation must fit into one of the following categories. Please check the appropriate box:

Education and training

Services and housing

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Wellness and disease management

RECOMMENDATION:

Develop and implement a cognitive impairment scale to more accurately assess and treat residents with dementia care needs and residents requiring special care services.

IN 250 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE INCLUDE COMMENTS, JUSTIFICATION, RESOURCES OR OTHER INFORMATION TO HELP THE TASK FORCE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION.

The current assessment tool, the Minimum Data Set, captures much clinical information. However, this tool does not include accurate assessment of the clinical conditions surrounding dementia. Several states have developed ancillary tools to begin to assess, capture and convert the additional care requirements of dementia residents. These tools are used for both care planning and support for their reimbursement methodologies. Most reimbursement systems, including Medicare, have ignored the added supervision requirements as well as the special certifications necessary to provide this care. We believe a new tool can begin to properly diagnosis and plan for treatment and care for residents with dementia.

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