

Dear Supervisor,

I am requesting your approval and support to participate in the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) Resident Assessment Coordinator-Certified Program (RAC-CT[®]). AANAC is the leading professional association for long-term care nurses and IDT members involved in the RAI process. The RAC-CT program is the gold-standard in education for skilled nursing and is nationally recognized in the long-term care nursing profession.

The RAC-CT program provides long-term healthcare professionals with accurate and up-to-date content and information regarding clinical assessment and care planning, completion of the MDS, and the regulatory body surrounding the MDS/RAI process. Upon completion, I will be able to navigate coding dilemmas, understand and synthesize reimbursement through important MDS data, and provide individualized interventions to residents.

AANAC provides valuable information regarding:

- Hot topics such as Section GG, PBJ, and MDS Focused Surveys
- Medicare reimbursement, RAI, and survey processes
- Clinical assessment and care planning
- Regulatory requirements
- Quality indicators and quality measures

AANAC offers the only nationally recognized MDS certification program that provides in-depth, comprehensive education on all aspects of the RAI process. Developed by education experts in the field and peer-reviewed by a panel of RAI healthcare professionals who understand how the MDS drives resident care first and these content experts provide on-going updates and analysis of CMS changes so that this certification remains current and relevant. I will have access to useful tools to help me in my role, condensed and expert-reviewed updates and *RAI User's Manual* changes as released, and a community of support when questions arise.

One of my goals in achieving this certification is to better myself professionally through AANAC education and certification opportunities. Attaining this credential would not only be of value to me personally, but to the facility as well, as it is proven to improve coding and therefore increase deserved reimbursement.

AANAC has other educational offerings, such as the education courses, MDS 101—an Introduction to the RAI process and Medicare University, for anyone intimately involved with Medicare billing. There is also a QAPI training program to help create an ongoing improvement plan for our facility.

I would appreciate your support of this certification as it would help me excel in my professional role. You can review pricing details for all educational offerings here:

<https://www.aanac.org/Education-Certification/Pricing>.

I look forward to discussing the value of RAC-CT certification with you.

Thank you!