



## Please read and follow these instructions before getting started with EQUIP 3.0.

### System Compatibility

EQUIP 3.0's newest features require the installation of Microsoft Silverlight. This is free software that only takes seconds to install. Click [here](#) for detailed instructions on how to make sure you have the appropriate software and settings enabled on your computer.

### Access to EQUIP 2.0 and EQUIP 3.0 before/after October 1<sup>st</sup>

EQUIP 3.0 will be available on October 1<sup>st</sup>, **NOT** before, and will analyze MDS 3.0 assessments only. EQUIP 2.0 will continue to be available after October 1<sup>st</sup> and will analyze MDS 2.0 assessments only. Your current username and password for EQUIP 2.0 will be your initial EQUIP 3.0 username and password; you must log in to both systems separately. If you change your password in one system, it will not be automatically changed in the other. You can access either system by going to [www.equipforquality.com](http://www.equipforquality.com). **Note: the EQUIP 3.0 login screen will be enabled on October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### Phased Release

EQUIP 3.0 will be released in 3 phases:

**Phase 1** – available on October 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be able to upload MDS 3.0 data, view a new and improved MDS Accuracy Audit report that consists of hundreds of consistency checks, and customize your own reports using the Assessment Viewer.

**Phase 2** – from October through December, additional pods/ reports will be added on an ongoing basis, with over 25 pods available by the end of 2010.

**Phase 3** – as data becomes available during the last quarter of 2010, Quality Monitors will be added including EQUIP –defined, Retro, and CMS Proposed quality measures. These are the QM/QIs you've come to depend on with the EQUIP analytics tool, specifically tailored to MDS 3.0 data; a unique feature that will allow you to stay ahead of the quality curve. EQUIP benchmarks and resident risk factor reports will also be available during Phase 3.

Please feel free to contact us by phone (518.449.2707) or email with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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