



New Medicare Webpage on Patient Driven Payment Model

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This MLN Matters® Special Edition (SE) article is intended for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries using the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM).

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

In this article, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) introduces SNF providers to a new Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) webpage that is now available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM.html>.

This new webpage includes a variety of educational and training resources to assist you in preparing for PDPM implementation and this article contains a summary of some of these educational and training resources for your review.

You may refer to the PDPM webpage for more information from its Fact Sheets, Frequently Asked Questions, a PowerPoint training presentation, and other PDPM Resources.

BACKGROUND

In July 2018, CMS finalized a new case-mix classification model, the PDPM, effective October 1, 2019, which Medicare will use under the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS) for classifying SNF patients in a covered Part A stay. The PDPM represents a marked improvement over the Resource Utilization Groups, Version IV (RUG-IV) model by:

- Improving payment accuracy and appropriateness through focusing on the patient, rather than the volume of services provided
- Significantly reducing administrative burden on providers
- Improving SNF payments to currently underserved beneficiaries without increasing total Medicare payments

PDPM consists of five case-mix adjusted components, all based on data-driven, stakeholder-vetted patient characteristics, which are:

- Physical therapy (PT)
- Occupational therapy (OT)
- Speech-language pathology (SLP)
- Non-therapy ancillary (NTA) services
- Nursing

PDPM also includes a “variable per diem (VPD) adjustment” that adjusts the per diem rate over the course of the stay.

The new PDPM webpage at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM.html> has links to new fact sheets with more information on the following topics:

- Administrative Level of Care Presumption under the PDPM
- PDPM Payments for SNF Patients with HIV/AIDS
- Concurrent and Group Therapy Limit
- PDPM Functional and Cognitive Scoring
- Interrupted Stay Policy
- Minimum Data Set (MDS) Changes
- Non-Therapy Ancillary (NTA) Comorbidity Score
- PDPM Patient Classification
- Variable Per Diem Adjustment

A comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with answers is available at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/Downloads/PDPM_FAQ_Final.pdf.

The new PDPM webpage also has links to a PowerPoint presentation that gives a complete overview of the PDPM. The webpage also has links to more information on the following coding and classification topics:

- PDPM Classification Walkthrough
- PDPM GROUPER Logic (SAS)
- ICD-10 Clinical Category Crosswalk
- ICD-10 NTA Comorbidity Crosswalk

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

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