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**Patient-Driven
Payment Model(PDPM)**

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Objectives

- List the five(5) case mix components
- Describe the correlation between MDS 3.0 Section GG and the PDPM
- Identify the associated changes with the interim payment assessment





Good Bye to RUGS - IV
From proposed RCS-1 to PDPM

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And QUOTE:

- Skilled Nursing Facility's (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule in the Federal Register - According to CMS, "the final rule also modernizes Medicare through innovation in SNF, meaningful quality measure reporting, reduced paperwork, and reduced administrative costs".

Key Dates

July 31st, 2018 – Final Rule

October 1st, 2018
PDPM replaces RUGS-IV

October 1st, 2019
Implementation Date



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Patient-Driven Payment Model Goals

- Designed to drive person centered care
- Recognize the varied needs of patient
- Focus on the differences in clinical characteristics
- Needs and goals of the whole person
 - * opposed to measuring the volume of patient services(therapy)

Patient-Driven Payment Model Goals (continued)

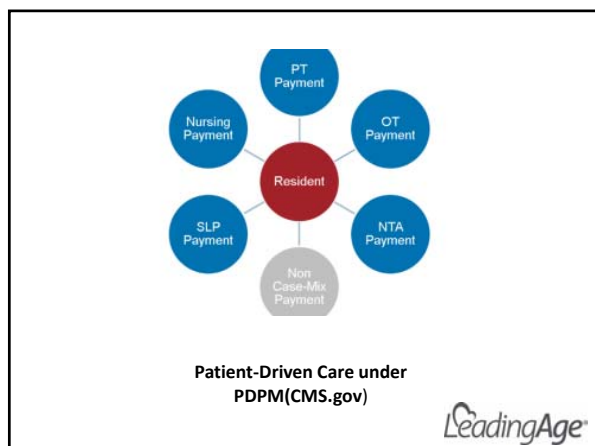
- Create a separate payment component for non-therapy ancillary(NTA) services
- Compensate SNFs accurately
- Address concerns over incentives to delivery therapy
- Maintain simplicity



STRATEGIC DIFFERENCES

RUG – Type of care and Amount of care
PDPM – Needs of patients and Characteristics of patients





KEY DIFFERENCES

Five (5) Case-Mix categories instead of Two(2)

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RUG-IV vs. Patient Driven Payment Model

Current Case-Mix Adjusted Payment		Recommended Case-Mix Adjusted Payment	
Therapy	Therapy Base Rate Therapy CM	PT PT Base Rate PT CM PT Adjustment Factor	
	OT Non-Case-Mix Therapy Base Rate	OT OT Base Rate OT CM OT Adjustment Factor	
		SLP SLP Base Rate SLP CM	
Nursing	Nursing Base Rate Nursing CM	Nursing Nursing Base Rate Nursing CM	
		NTA NTA Base Rate NTA CM NTA Adjustment Factor	
Non-Case-Mix	Non-Case-Mix Base Rate	Non-Case-Mix Non-Case-Mix Base Rate	

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Simplified Classifications

- RUG-IV : Residents assigned to 1 of 66 categories based on services performed
- PDPM: Residents will be assessed based on 5 case-mix adjusted components
- A Resident profile will be some combination of these 5 categories as well as non-case mix

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Components of PDPM

- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Speech Language Pathology (SLP)
- Need for Non-Therapy Ancillary (NTA)
- Nursing
- ****6th**** Non-Case Mix for overhead

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The Component Details

- The PDPM approach provides a single payment based on the sum of these individual classifications.
- Each separate component will be assigned a daily rate
- Rate based on the component's CMI
- Add all together for the resident's daily rate

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PT and OT

- Separate in PDPM
- Full component rate for days 1-20
- For lengths of stay over 20 days, per diem rates for PT and OT will decline by 2% every seventh day.
- PT and OT use a function score derived from 10 ADL activities
- Assessed in Section GG of the MDS
- 25% limit on group and concurrent therapy
- 75% if therapy must be individualized

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Relevant Predictors of PT/OT Costs

- Clinical Reason for Stay
- Functional Status
- Clinical reason for the patient's skilled stay into one of four clinical categories
- Four categories were created when CMS reduced a set of 10 inpatient clinical categories
- (CMS belief) Capture the range of general resident types potentially found in a SNF

PDPM Clinical Categories: PT and OT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major joint replacement/spinal surgery • Non-orthopedic surgery and acute neurologic • Other orthopedic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-surgical orthopedic/musculoskeletal - Orthopedic surgery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acute infections - Cancer - Pulmonary - Cardiovascular and coagulation |
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PT and OT Component

- Primary Diagnosis Clinical Category
 - Admission primary diagnosis
 - Use only the ICD-10 code listed first
 - 18000A – report primary reason for stay
 - *May change if there was a surgical procedure during the in-patient hospital stay*
 - *Checkboxes in J2000

PT and OT Functional Status

- Section GG: Functional Abilities and Goals
- Data to determine the Function Score.
- Functional Score will be determined by four late loss ADLs and two early loss ADLs
- Includes two bed mobility items, three transfer items, one eating item, one toileting item, one oral hygiene item, and two walking items



Section GG Function Score (ADLs)

PT and OT ADL Items		
Section GG Items		Score
GG0130A1	Self-care Eating	0-4
GG0130B1	Self-care Oral hygiene	0-4
GG0130C1	Self-care Toileting hygiene	0-4
GG0170B1	Mobility: Sit to lying	0-4
GG0170C1	Mobility: Lying to sitting on side of bed	(avg. of 2 bed mobility items)
GG0170D1	Mobility: Sit to stand	0-4
GG0170E1	Mobility: Chair/bed-to-transfer	(avg. 3 transfer items)
GG0170F1	Mobility: Toilet transfer	
GG0170J1	Mobility: Walk 50 feet with 2 turns	0-4
GG0170K1	Mobility: Walk 150 feet	(avg. of 2 walking items)



PT and OT Component: Section GG Responses

- Independent or Set-Up Function Score 4
- Supervision or touching assistance Function Score 3
- Partial/Moderate assistance Function Score 2
- Substantial/maximal assistance Function Score 1
- Dependent, refused, N/A or cannot walk Function Score 0



Case-Mix Classification

- Total Function Score places resident in appropriate case-mix classification group
- Removed cognitive status as a determinant of the PT and OT case-mix classification
- Primary clinical reason for SNF stay
- Function Score into account
- Classify a patient into a PT and OT Case-Mix Classification Group.



TABLE 21: PT and OT Case-mix Classification Groups

Clinical Category	Section GG Function Score	PT OT Case-Mix Group	PT Case-Mix Index	OT Case-Mix Index
Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery	0-5	TA	1.55	1.49
Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery	6-9	TB	1.49	1.43
Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery	10-20	TC	1.43	1.38
Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery	24	TD	1.37	1.32
Other Orthopedic	0-5	TE	1.42	1.41
Other Orthopedic	6-9	TF	1.41	1.39
Other Orthopedic	10-20	TO	1.47	1.44
Other Orthopedic	24	TH	1.18	1.13
Medical Management	0-5	TI	1.19	1.17
Medical Management	6-9	TJ	1.42	1.44
Medical Management	10-20	TK	1.52	1.54
Medical Management	24	TL	1.09	1.11
Non-Orthopedic Surgery and Acute Neurologic	0-5	TM	1.27	1.30
Non-Orthopedic Surgery and Acute Neurologic	6-9	TO	1.48	1.49
Non-Orthopedic Surgery and Acute Neurologic	10-20	TO	1.55	1.55
Non-Orthopedic Surgery and Acute Neurologic	24	TP	1.08	1.09



Speech-Language Pathology Component

- SLP costs per day are predicted by a different set of independent variables
- SLP services are case-mix adjusted with a separate payment component from PT and OT

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Relevant Predictors of SLP Costs

- Clinical reasons for the SNF stay
- Presence of a swallowing disorder **or** the need for a mechanically altered diet;
- The presence of an SLP-related comorbidity or cognitive impairment.

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SLP Case-Mix Classification

- Primary clinical reason for the SNF stay is either:
"Acute Neurologic" or
"Non-Neurologic"
- Second step is determining whether the resident has a SLP-related comorbidity found to be relevant in predicting resident SLP costs

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TABLE 22: SLP-related Comorbidities

Aphasia	Laryngeal Cancer
CVA, TIA, or Stroke	Apraxia
Hemiplegia or Hemiparesis	Dysphagia
Traumatic Brain Injury	ALS
Tracheostomy Care (While a Resident)	Oral Cancers
Ventilator or Respirator (While a Resident)	Speech and Language Deficits



SLP Case-Mix Classification

- Cognitive Functional Scale
- Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) and Cognitive Performance Scale (CPS) to identify cognitive status for the SLP Case-mix Classification
- CMS has moved a score of "0" on the CPS to equal "Cognitively Intact" vs. "Mildly Impaired"



The Other Drivers of SLP Costs

- Presence of a swallowing disorder and/or the need for a mechanically altered diet.
- Determining whether neither, either or both are present would be the final step in selecting one of the 12 SLP case mix categories appropriate for the resident



TABLE 23: SLP Case-Mix Classification Groups

Presence of Acute Neurologic Condition, SLP-Related Comorbidity, or Cognitive Impairment	Mechanically Altered Diet or Swallowing Disorder	SLP Case-Mix Group	SLP Case-Mix Index
None	Neither	SA	0.68
None	Either	SB	1.82
None	Both	SC	2.66
Any one	Neither	SD	1.46
Any one	Either	SE	2.33
Any one	Both	SF	2.97
Any two	Neither	SG	2.04
Any two	Either	SH	2.85
Any two	Both	SI	3.51
All three	Neither	SJ	2.98
All three	Either	SK	3.69
All three	Both	SL	4.19



Nursing Component

- Modified traditional RUG-IV methodology
- Decreasing the possible RUGs from 43 to 25
- In the traditional RUG-IV nursing RUG methodology, the ADL score was derived from Section G of the MDS
- Under PDPM, Section GG will be used to determine a Function Score
- Social services is included in Nursing



Major Categories

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| <p>RUG IV Nursing RUG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Extensive Services – Special Care High – Special Care Low – Clinically Complex – Behavioral symptoms and cognitive performance – Reduced physical function | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 percent increase in the nursing component is provided for residents with HIV/AIDS • Uses fewer ADL items • Sum ADL scores will yield 0 – 16 points • Lower score – more dependent |
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NTA Case-Mix Classifications Groups

- Six NTA groupings
- Residents are categorized into NTA case mix group based on their total NTA score
- Payment includes the base rate adjusted by the category case mix weight



TABLE 28: NTA Case-Mix Classification Groups

NTA Score Range	NTA Case-Mix Group	NTA Case-Mix Index
12+	NA	3.25
9-11	NB	2.53
6-8	NC	1.85
3-5	ND	1.34
1-2	NE	0.96
0	NF	0.72



Non Case-Mix Component

- Flat rate component
- Covering room and board, capital expense and administrative overhead
- Combine all 6 components:

PT, OT, SLP, Nursing, NTA and Non Case-Mix for the base rate – multiply each component by respective case mix = daily rate



Variable Per Diem Adjustment

- Decreasing costs during a resident stay
- Two separate decreasing adjustments
 - Day 1-20
 - PT/OT base rate x CMI x 1.00 adjustment factor
 - Day 1-3
 - NTA multiple of 3

**SLP costs do not vary as a SNF stay progresses

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TABLE 30: Variable Per-diem Adjustment Factors and Schedule – PT and OT

Medicare Payment Days	Adjustment Factor
1-20	1.00
21-27	0.98
28-34	0.96
35-41	0.94
42-48	0.92
49-55	0.90
56-62	0.88
63-69	0.86
70-76	0.84
77-83	0.82
84-90	0.80
91-97	0.78
98-100	0.76

TABLE 31: Variable Per-diem Adjustment Factors and Schedule – NTA

Medicare Payment Days	Adjustment Factor
1-3	1.0
4-100	1.0

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Less Frequent PPS Assessments

- 5-Day SNF PPS Assessment
- Classify a resident under the PDPM model
- Optional Interim Payment Assessment(IPA)
- Required Discharge Assessment

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PPS Assessment Schedule

- No longer using therapy minutes

TABLE 33: PPS Assessment Schedule under PDPM

Medicare MD5 assessment schedule type	Assessment reference date	Applicable standard Medicare payment days
5-day Scheduled PPS Assessment	Days 1-5	All covered Part A days until Part A discharge (unless an IPA is completed).
Interim Payment Assessment (IPA)	No later than 14 days after change in resident's first tier classification criteria is identified.	ARD of the assessment through Part A discharge (unless another IPA assessment is completed).
PPS Discharge Assessment	PPS Discharge: Equal to the End Date of the Most Recent Medicare Stay (LCSMDC), or End Date.	N/A.

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Interim Payment Assessment(IPA)

- Reclassify a resident from the initial classification determined by the 5-day assessment
- Change in the resident's first tier classification criteria for any component
- Results in a payment change AND
- Resident is not expected to return to their original clinical status within 14 days.

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Interrupted Stay Policy

- In the interrupted stay policy, a resident's PPS calendar will resume with the next PPS day if the resident returns to the facility within 3 midnights.
- There would be no new 5-day Assessment, nor would the Variable Per Diem Adjustment Factor be reset.
- The resident would return and the payment schedule would continue on the next PPS day continuing with the Variable Per Diem Adjustment Factors in place.
- If the resident returns on day 4 or later or is sent to a different facility, then the Variable Per Diem Adjustment Factors are to be reset to day 1 and a 5-day assessment would be required.

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Educational Opportunities and Resources

- The Learning Hub
- Nursing Home List serv
- E-Newsletters
- Website – articles, analysis
- CMS website
- <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-proposes-fiscal-year-2019-payment-policy-changes-skilled-nursing-facilities>



Preparation: To Do List

- Review regulatory and compliance requirements for PDPM
- Review your CMS projected Impact File
- Revisit your Facility Assessment – clinical capabilities
- Quantify the impact of PDPM
- Meet with your Therapy provider
- Review your MDS department and scheduling
- Revise care plans for key patient types to ensure compliance
- Staff a certified ICD-10 coder(proficiency)
- Pilot new care plans and documentation requirements





