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Patient-Driven Payment Model Solutions

Consulting | Education | Resources

The **Patient-Driven Payment Model** (PDPM) is a case-mix model focusing on the resident's condition and specific care needs, rather than on the amount of care provided when determining Medicare payment.

PDPM Process Assessment

Our experts will evaluate your organization's implementation of Medicare process to support PDPM. The assessment will review the following areas:

- Pre-admission PDPM estimate of payment
- Identification of appropriate Admission and Primary diagnoses
- Admission data collection about active resident conditions
- Assessment and skilled progress note content
  - o Resident interviews BIMS & PHQ-9
  - o Daily Skilled Nursing Care per Medicare Coverage Criteria
  - o Therapy evaluations

- MDS coding accuracy
- ICD-10 coding accuracy and management
- Consistency of primary diagnosis use active SNF diagnoses, therapy treatment codes, PDPM approved diagnosis codes
  - o Diagnosis list
  - o MDS
  - o Therapy evaluations
  - o Claims

This process assessment is available onsite or offsite based upon availability of provider documents. You will receive a PDPM Score Card and Action Plan with detailed findings and recommendations.

Medicare and Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Audit

Our experts will evaluate your current reimbursement for skilled care under the PDPM reimbursement system. We will identify opportunities for optimizing your skilled care payments, coding and documentation. This audit will provide you with a determination of trends and financial impact based upon findings and audit outcomes.

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PDPM Resources

Pathway Health is your partner in readiness and success. We have a full complement of PDPM solutions to ensure your organization is in compliance with the new payment model.

- On-site & Off-site PDPM & MDS Ongoing Support
- On-site & Virtual PDPM & MDS Mentoring
- PDPM Financial Impact Analysis

- Pre-Bill Claim Check for PDPM *Quick*PATH
- Products & Resources

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PDPM Education Solutions

Pathway Health experts provide essential PDPM training to maintain staff competency.

• PDPM for the IDT: A Team Approach

○ Specifically designed for the facility team including: admissions, HIM, MDS, nursing, therapy, social services and billing. The team will gain a better understanding of the MDS process and PDPM reimbursement. Each discipline will understand their role in optimizing payment under PDPM. Through a case study which walks participants from preadmission to billing, the team will learn how to reduce the risk of claim rejection, assure documentation consistency and improve clinical documentation processes.

• PDPM Essentials: *One-day interactive class*

○ This interactive class is designed as an introduction to the PDPM payment classification system. It will take a deep dive into PDPM, its components and processes. Attendees will examine each PDPM component and identify supporting documentation requirements. The interactive portion of the class will have participants manually assign classifications from case studies to become intimately familiar with the classification system's details.

• MDS Excellence – Introduction to the Complete RAI Process

○ This enhanced three-day class is designed to provide the new MDS Coordinator with the knowledge to accurately code each section of the MDS.

○ The class reviews each section of the MDS, the RAI manual instructions for coding, as well as practical tips about where to find the supporting documentation and how to assist other disciplines with accurate coding of assigned sections. Includes an expanded look at MDS scheduling for OBRA and PPS and an expanded look at appropriate completion of Care Area Assessments.

• Coding Essentials for Post-Acute Care – ICD-10-CM: *Two-day interactive class*

○ Comprehensive training on coding terms, conventions, official coding guidelines, basic coding knowledge, coding case studies for each chapter in ICD-10-CM, and education on diagnosis management.

• Coding Clarity for LTC – ICD-10-CM for SNF: *One-day interactive class*

○ Provides facility staff members with the knowledge and skill needed to accurately assign ICD-10-CM codes for clinical and billing practices. The class will provide a PDPM overview and how the changes impact the ICD-10 coding process.

• ICD-10 Coding and PDPM – Advanced Learning Adapting to Patient Driven Payment: *One-day interactive class*

○ The PDPM classification system relies on the resident's clinical conditions rather than the quantity of services as the focus of Medicare payments. While therapy remains a key treatment partner in resident recovery, managing a systematic diagnosis coding process is the foundation of accurate payment classification. This advanced, one-day class will prepare participants to return to their SNF with the ability to successfully implement the new payment classification system.

PDPM: Patient-Centered vs. Volume-Based

• Designed to improve the incentives to treat the needs of the whole patient, instead of focusing on the volume of services.

• Reduced overall complexity, as compared to RUG-IV.

• More value-based, unified post-acute care payment system with a focus on patient-centered care.

• Adjusts the SNF per diem payments to reflect varying costs throughout the stay and incorporates safeguards against potential financial incentives to ensure that patients receive care consistent with their unique needs and goals.

Source: www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/snfpps/pdpm.html

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