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Ohio News

ODM releases July SNF payment memo

As reported earlier in an Academy Update, the Ohio Department of Medicaid provided The Academy last week with a copy of the memo they are sending to SNF providers regarding Medicaid payments for July. ([Please click here to view the memo.](#)) As noted in the memo, ODM will be paying providers two different rates for July services. July 1 through 17 at the June 30 rate and July 18 through 31 at the July 1 rate. The memo contains instructions for providers on how to bill for the two different rates. ODM also made the following request: "We would ask that your constituents refrain from billing until Friday. This will allow all of

the programming to be in place so that no more claims are set to suspend and they are properly adjudicated." ODM provided more information on suspended claims that were submitted prior to the system update: "Suspended claims with July 2019 dates of service will adjudicate over the weekend. These suspended claims will pay out at the old rates (6/30/19). Once these suspended claims have paid, the provider will have to adjust the claims according to the memo attached in order for the claim to pay properly (7/1 – 7/17 at old rate and 7/18-7/31 at the new rate). Claims can be immediately adjusted after the claim is shown in MITS as paid. Claims will pay out on the third week of August, which is 8/22/19. It is suggested that the adjustments be made on Wednesday of the week before (8/14/19) to get the correct amount on the 22nd." The Academy is continuing to work with the department on this and several other issues that germinated from the budget bill process.. ([Back to top.](#))

AGE: Grant funded dementia care training available

The Ohio Department of Aging notified The Academy that additional funding was available for nursing home providers that wish to do dementia care training. From ODA: For the last nine months, some nursing homes have been participating in *Creating a Culture of Person-Directed Dementia Care*, a collaborative grant project between the Ohio Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and The Eden Alternative. We are thrilled to announce that both participating organizations and those new to the project have a new opportunity to experience MORE grant-funded education. To learn more about how you can deepen your change journey and develop a person-directed leadership bench, [click here](#). This qualifies as an approved quality improvement project (QIP) through the Ohio Department of Aging. ([Back to top.](#))

PDPM not to impact Medicaid CMI methodology

The unofficial end of summer is around the corner and that means changes to the long-term industry this fall are not far off. SNF providers should be preparing for the upcoming implementation of a new Medicare payment model - Patient Determined Payment Model (PDPM) - effective October 1. (See article in National News regarding CMS resources for PDPM and the CGS training available under Odds and Ends.) ODM released an FAQ document regarding how the implementation of PDPM will impact the Medicaid CMI calculation. In a nutshell, PDPM will not directly impact the methodology behind the Medicaid CMI. [Read the full FAQ document by clicking here to learn more.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

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National News

SNFs reminded of 3-day hospital stay requirement

From CMS:"In a recent [report](#), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) determined that Medicare improperly paid for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services when the Medicare 3-Day inpatient hospital stay requirement was not met. CMS developed the [Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Billing Fact Sheet](#) to help you bill correctly. Additional resources:

- [Reminder of the Required Three-day Hospital Stay for SNF Admissions](#), MLN Matters Special Edition Article
- [SNF Billing Reference](#) Medicare Learning Network Booklet
- [Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) § 411.400](#)
- [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 8](#)
- [Medicare Claims Billing Manual, Chapter 6](#)
- [Medicare Claims Billing Manual, Chapter 30](#)
- [Medicare Financial Management Manual, Chapter 3, 70.3\(C\), 90, 100](#)
- [CMS Improperly Paid Millions of Dollars for Skilled Nursing Facility Services When the Medicare 3-Day Inpatient Hospital Stay Requirement Was Not Met](#) OIG Report"

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Get ready for PDPM implementation October 1

From CMS:"On October 1, the new Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) is replacing the Resource Utilization Group, Version IV (RUG-IV) for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS). PDPM improves the accuracy and appropriateness of

payments by classifying patients into payment groups based on specific, data-driven patient characteristics, while simultaneously reducing administrative burden.

Changes to the Assessment:

Both RUG-IV and PDPM use the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 as the basis for patient assessment and classification, but the assessment schedule under PDPM is more streamlined and less burdensome on providers. See the [presentation](#) (starting on slide 52) to find out how your assessments will change.



Billing for Services:

Use the Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) code generated from assessments with an assessment reference date on or after October 1, 2019, to bill under the PDPM.

Changes to Payment:

Under the PDPM, clinically relevant factors and patient characteristics are used to assign patients into case-mix groups across the payment components to derive payment. Additionally, the PDPM adjusts per diem payments to reflect varying costs throughout the stay.

CMS has resources to help you prepare:

- [PDPM](#) webpage, including [fact sheets](#), [FAQs](#), [presentation](#), and [coding crosswalks/classification logic](#)
- Videos: [PDPM: What Is Changing \(and What Is Not\) - Opens in a new window](#)  and [Integrated Coding & PDPM Case Study - Opens in a new window](#) 
- [Materials from the Medicare Learning Network call in December](#)
- [New Medicare Webpage on PDPM MLN Matters Article](#)
- [Implementation of the SNF PDPM MLN Matters Article"](#)

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CMS MLN Connects

News

- [New Medicare Card: Will Your Claims Reject?](#)
- [Securing Access to Life-Saving Antimicrobial Drugs for American Seniors](#)
- [IRF/LTCH/SNF Quality Reporting Programs: Submission Deadline August 15](#)

- [Hospice Patient Assessment Instrument Focus Groups: Respond by August 26](#)
- [Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model: Apply by September 19](#)
- [SNF PPS Patient Driven Payment Model: Get Ready for Implementation on October 1](#)
- [2019 QRDA III Implementation Guide: Updated Addendum](#)
- [Quality Payment Program: Reporting Patient Relationship Categories](#)

Compliance

- [Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Billing](#)

Events

- [Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics Listening Session – August 12](#)
- [IRF Appeals Settlement Initiative Call – August 13](#)
- [OPPS and ASC Proposed Rule Listening Session – August 14](#)
- [ESRD Quality Incentive Program: CY 2020 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule Call – August 20](#)
- [Home Health Patient-Driven Groupings Model: Operational Issues Call – August 21](#)
- [Radiation Oncology Model Listening Session – August 22](#)
- [Understanding Your SNF VBP Program Performance Score Report Call – August 27](#)

MLN Matters® Articles

- [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility \(IRF\) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System \(PPS\) Pricer Changes for FY 2020](#)
- [Instructions for Use of Informational Remittance Advice Remark Code Alert on Laboratory Service Remittance Advices](#)
- [Medicare Shared Savings Program \(Shared Savings Program\) Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Affiliates' Requirement to Include Demonstration Code 77 on SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver Claims](#)
- [Modification to the National Coordination of Benefits Agreement \(COBA\) Crossover Process](#)
- [October Quarterly Update to 2019 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Consolidated Billing \(CB\) Enforcement](#)

- [Oxygen Policy Update](#)
- [Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment](#)

Multimedia

- [CMS: Beyond the Policy Podcast: Nursing Home Strategy Part 1 – Strengthening Oversight](#)
- [CLFS Public Meetings: Videos](#)

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ODDS AND ENDS

CGS PDPM webinars; July RTP data released

From CGS: "Join the CGS Provider Outreach and Education (POE) staff for the following educational events.

- [PDPM: Case-Mix Components](#)

August 22, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

During this webinar, the second in our PDPM series, we will discuss important changes to the case-mix components under PDPM. We encourage you to submit questions prior to the event to allow time for research and a better opportunity to provide thorough responses during the event. Questions may

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NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS

[CMS SNF ORP "Train the Trainer" Training](#)

August 13 and 14

Baltimore, MD or Webinar

[BELTSS Workforce Survey Closes](#)

August 12

[QRP Non-Compliance Response Deadline](#)

August 15

[IRF/LTCH/SNF QRP Submission Deadline](#)

August 15

be submitted during the registration process or sent to: J15_PartA_Education@cgsadmin.com.

- [PDPM: MDS Updates](#)

September 4, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time

- During this webinar, the third in our PDPM series, we will discuss important changes related to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) requirements under PDPM, including: the assessment schedule, new item sets, and other new/revised items. We encourage you to submit questions prior to the event to allow time for research and a better opportunity to provide thorough responses during the event. Questions may be submitted during the registration process or sent to: J15_PartA_Education@cgsadmin.com.

Also, the top five Return to Provider (RTP) and rejection reason codes for the J15 Part A Kentucky/Ohio region [are available by clicking here](#). This information is updated on a monthly basis.

New Version of CASPER Quality Measure Reports Fact Sheet now available

From CMS: "An updated version of the CASPER Quality Measure (QM) Reports Fact Sheet is now available in the Downloads section of the HQRP Requirements and Best Practices page. This updated version reflects the addition of the Hospice When Death Is Imminent Measure Pair to both the Hospice-Level and Patient Stay-Level CASPER QM Reports."

[CGS: PDPM - Case-Mix Components](#)

August 22, 1 to 2:30 PM
Webinar

[CGS: PDPM - MDS Updates](#)

September 4, 11 AM to 12:30 PM
Webinar

[PDPM Implementation](#) Effective October 1

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