



**Technical Update – MDS
Issues**

- Update on status of MDS completion for October Assessments
- Remember regulations regarding setting ARDs, completing assessments and submitting assessments



Technical Update – Manuals

- On October 4, CMS posted manual updates related to PDPM
 - Benefit Policy
 - Claims Processing
 - Entitlement
- Effective Date November 5
 - **Unless otherwise specified the effective date is the date of service*



Technical Update – Medicare Benefit Policy

- Changes to Administrative Level of Care Presumption
 - The coverage that arises from this presumption remains in effect *only* for as long thereafter as it continues to be supported by the facts of the beneficiary's condition
 - *Accordingly, the SNF is expected to monitor carefully for and document any changes in the patient's condition, in order to determine the continuing need for Part A SNF benefits after the ARD*



Technical Update – Medicare Benefit Policy

- Changes to Administrative Level of Care Presumption
 - *Moreover*, this administrative presumption does not apply to any subsequent assessments
 - Details provided for seven admission/readmission scenarios to explain when presumption of coverage applies and when it doesn't



Technical Update – Medicare Benefit Policy

- New example for considering whether more economical settings for care exist:
 - *If a patient's condition requires daily transportation to the alternative source of care...by ambulance, it may be more economical from a health care delivery standpoint to provide the needed care in the SNF*



Technical Update – Medicare Benefit Policy

- Services Furnished Under Arrangements
 - The specific details of ensuing payment arrangements between the SNF and the outside supplier represent a private “marketplace’ transaction...
 - *This means, for example, that payments by the SNF to an outside supplier for bundled services furnished to a Part A resident...are not governed by the specific Medicare fee schedule amounts...that would apply ... under Part B*



Technical Update – Medicare Claims Processing

- Updated for PDPM:
 - *120.1 HIPPS Updates and Structure Changes*
 - *120.2 Interrupted Stay Policy*
 - *120.3 Variable Per Diem (VPD) Adjustment*
 - *120.4 AIDS Adjustments*
 - *120.5 Transition Claims*
 - *120.6 Default Billing*



Technical Update – Medicare Claims Processing

- *The default code under PDPM is ZZZZZ; represents the equivalent of billing the following:*
 - *PT Payment Group: TP*
 - *OT Payment Group: TP*
 - *SLP Payment Group: SA*
 - *Nursing Payment Group: PA1*
 - *NTA Payment Group: NF*



Technical Update – Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement

- **40.2 – Certification for Extended care Services**
 - **Certifications must be obtained at the time of admission...**
 - *(see Medicare Claims processing Manual, Chapter 6, S120.2 regarding the circumstances under which a resumption of SNF care following a temporary break in SNF coverage would be considered a new “admission” under the SNF PPS’s Interrupted Stay Policy)*



Technical Update Action Steps

- AHCA suggested action steps:
 - Contact IT vendors to determine when they will have a sense of how well the MDS update works
 - Contact your MAC and ask about preparedness for claims processing under PDPM
 - Email pdpm@ahca.org with feedback



Operational Issues

- There may be some conditions you have skilled in the past who you will not be able to skill under PDPM due to RTP codes
- Validate that the PDPM assignment makes sense before completing the assessment
- Is your MDS team adjusting to the new environment and doing critical thinking?



Managing Outcomes

- CMS continues to talk about the focus on outcomes as the profession makes the transition
- Q: What do they mean by outcomes?
- A: SNF QRP



SNF QRP Measures, 1 of 2

- Discharge to Community
- Potentially Preventable 30-day Post-Discharge Readmission
- Medicare Spend Per Beneficiary
- Falls with Major Injury
- Changes in Skin Integrity
- Drug Regimen Review



SNF QRP Measures, 2 of 2

- Change in Self-Care Score
- Change in Mobility Score
- Discharge Self-Care Score
- Discharge Mobility Score



SNF QRP Monitoring

- Review and Correct Report
- Provider Threshold Report
- Resident Level Quality Measure Report
- Facility Level Quality Measure Report



SNF QRP

- How do you look currently?
- Monitor your performance going forward
- How are you managing outcomes during the SNF stay?



Resources

- CMS PDPM page
 - FAQs
 - Fact Sheets
 - ICD-10 crosswalk tools
- OHCA
 - Nov 5: Consolidated Billing
 - Quarterly: Managing Reimbursement and Quality Metrics
 - News Bites, Monthly Hot Topics



Resources

- AHCA
 - PDPM Resource Navigators
 - pdpm@ahca.org
 - (202)842-4444
 - 2020 PDPM Academy
 - PDPM Member Experience Form



Questions?

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