PDPM is Here!  
Now What? 

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 ZZZZZZ; 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

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