

PDGM Fast Facts

Patient Driven Grouping Model

What is PDGM?

- CMS' new reimbursement model
- Begins 1/1/2020 for Home Health Agencies
- Cuts payment episodes in half: now 30 day cycle (previously 60 day) - therefore less time to collect signed orders, face to face documentation and other information.
- New diagnostic standards (see reverse)

MD / NP / PA impact:

1. More specificity in diagnosis; symptom-based or vague codes will be refused (see reverse)
2. Faster turnaround needed for orders and signatures

Adherence to these 2 items will keep care on track and on time!

Make the transition efficient:

- Communication is key!
- Who is the best contact at your site for coordination with our Agency on these upcoming changes?

AGENCY NAME
BEST CONTACT NAME?
PHONE / FAX
OTHER?

Don't use SYMPTOM	Do use UNDERLYING CAUSE, e.g.:
Muscle Weakness Weakness Debility	Exacerbation of a disease process Long hospitalization or SNF where patient has been in bed with limited mobility from the disease COPD, Emphysema, Asthma CHF/heart disease, dysrhythmias, atherosclerosis, CAD Neuro disorders; MS, Parkinson's, ALS, CVA, hemi-para- or quadriplegia, sequelae of CV disease Surgery Infection / wounds / ulcers Dementia Anemia / Malnutrition / failure to thrive Chronic kidney disease or ESRD
Difficulty Walking Abnormal Gait Falls Unsteadiness	Neuro disorder Orthopedic condition Peripheral/polyneuropathies PVD, PAD Dementia, Parkinson's, MS Lymphangitis
Pain Joint Low back	Osteoarthritis Surgery Sequelae of a specific injury or specific fracture or delayed healing If caused by a specific joint or extremity, be specific to laterality and joint
Dizziness Edema Syncope	CHF / Heart disease Hypertension Atrial fib Anemia