

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)

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; vague
or symptom-based 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 LOGO

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, ALS, CVA, Parkinson's, hemipara- or quadriplegia, sequelae of CV disease Surgery Infections/wounds/ulcers Dementia Malnutrition/failure to thrive Chronic kidney disease or ESRD Anemia
Difficulty Walking Abnormal Gait Frequent Falls Unsteady on feet	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

REMEMBER:

Be Specific and Speedy

Use the best diagnosis, write/sign orders quickly, & return to Home Health Agency promptly for best patient care