

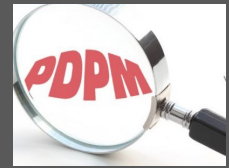
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Physician
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2019



PDPM
Starter
Steps

TOPICS

Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) - Have you started preparing for PDPM?

STARTER STEPS:

- ◆ Discuss PDPM with your therapy department to access their knowledge and preparation for PDPM.
- ◆ Discuss PDPM changes with your EHR software partners such as:
 - How will you determine I0020B diagnosis?
 - How will NTA related conditions be identified and tracked?
 - How will cognition be identified and tracked?
 - How will SLP co-morbidities be identified and tracked?

Contact Stephanie Eaves or your client manager to discuss PDPM in detail or to schedule training.

Events, News & Notes

Expect Medicaid Facility Capital Appraisals in First Quarter of 2019

Beginning January 2019, capital appraisals will be performed on all KY price-based nursing facilities. The appraisal fee is \$1,150. If a re-appraisal has occurred since 2014, no fee is required..

Final Policy, Payment, and Quality Provisions Changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedules for Calendar Year 2019

- The final 2019 PFS conversion factor is \$36.04, a slight increase above the 2018 PFS conversion factor of \$35.99.
- The 2019 KX threshold amount is \$2,040 for PT and SLP services, combined, and \$2,040 for OT services.
- CMS is discontinuing the functional status (G codes) reporting requirements for services furnished on or after January 1, 2019.
- In the 2019 PFS final rule, CMS finalizes two new modifiers to identify services furnished in whole or in part by physical therapy assistants (PTAs) and occupational therapy assistants (OTAs).

-The new therapy modifiers for services furnished by PTAs and OTAs are not required on claims until January 1, 2020.

[For more information on the above policies click here](#)

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