



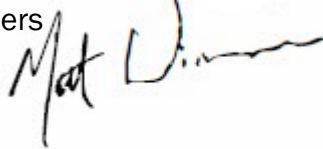
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To: Medicaid Nursing Facility Providers
From: Matt Wimmer, Administrator 
Subject: PDPM Calculations for Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) Assessments

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updated the minimum data set (MDS) 3.0 item sets and related technical data specifications on May 15, 2020. These changes will support the calculation of Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) case mix groups for the federally required OBRA assessment schedule. CMS is allowing states the option to start collecting this data for OBRA assessments beginning October 1, 2020 or after. The Department of Health and Welfare has elected to exercise this option and will begin requiring and collecting the additional OBRA PDPM data fields effective October 1, 2020.

The current nursing facility reimbursement system utilizes the Resource Utilization Group Version III (RUG-III) information to calculate the case-mix adjustment factors. It is estimated that by collecting the additional PDPM fields on OBRA assessments, the Department will have the ability to start modeling the viability and impact of the PDPM classification system on case mix rates during calendar year 2022.

By the Department electing to collect this information, providers will be required to complete 28 additional MDS items for each OBRA assessment. These items are elements of Sections GG, I, and J of the MDS form. While we understand this may cause a slight increase in the administrative burden placed upon providers for MDS submission, the Department feels this information is meaningful and essential in evaluating the future of nursing facility rate setting.

It should be noted that the elements necessary for PDPM and RUG resident classification will be maintained on a single assessment, and providers will **NOT** need to file the Optional State Assessment (OSA) at this time.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the Office of Reimbursement, Idaho Division of Medicaid, at (208) 287-1180 or email MedicaidReimTeam@dhw.idaho.gov.

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