PDPM Success: Step-by-Step

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THE CMS'S NEW REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM, PATIENT DRIVEN PAYMENT MODEL (PDPM), is set to transform the way Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) do business and how they get paid. While many of our SNF partners welcome the change from the old RUG IV minutes/quantity-based model to this more patient-centered model, there are still concerns over how to prepare and implement without a hit to the bottom line. What's more, go-live is October 1. We dug deep into the topic and have written a series of articles we'll be releasing from now through September to help you be ready – and more importantly – help you succeed.

✔ JULY

THE IMPACT OF PDPM ON YOUR BUSINESS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
A look at three major ways PDPM will impact your business – Revenue, Operations, Staff – and what to do about them.

PREPARING FOR PDPM IN FIVE STEPS
Here are the five steps that should be tops on your to-do list, such as leveraging staff, designing communication protocols, developing your knowledge base, and more.

BUILDING STAFF COMPETENCIES: TRAINING TIPS FOR YOUR TEAM
This article addresses educational gaps with subject matter experts on changes to the MDS assessment and processes, disease states, and more.

AUDIT YOUR CODING PRACTICES FOR IMPROVED ACCURACY
Working with the coder/MDS coordinator to review current practices and identify opportunities for improvement under the PDPM for increased accuracy will be key. Here's how.

✔ AUGUST

DOCUMENTATION DEMANDS AND HOW TO MEET THEM
One thing is certain: documentation will help you stay in compliance. Here we take a look at data collection requirements, what needs to be in the MDS, and more.

PULL IN PARTNERS
An interdisciplinary approach can help lighten your load. This article identifies who facilities can partner with, such as an LTC pharmacy, to augment their capabilities and build competencies.

ENHANCING EFFICIENCIES
Congratulations – you now have your processes down! Now's the time to go back and finetune to see how you can build more efficiency into your approach.

✔ SEPTEMBER

TEST YOUR PDPM READINESS
Want to make sure your processes are ready before you go live? Here's how to audit them to see if they're ready for a successful transition, or where you might need to focus more attention.

GAME DAY PLAN
There's one month left before go-live! Here's a checklist of items to review and complete to ensure nothing is overlooked.

MONITOR AND MAINTAIN
Once PDPM is live, what do you need to do on a go-forward basis to gauge progress? How important is it to keep up training and education? How do you prepare for surveys? We gathered some best practices for you here.

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