

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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CMS Changing Payment Classification System for SNF Effective October 1, 2019

Effective October 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is transitioning from the Resource Utilization Group (RUG) rate payment classification to the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM). RUGs have historically been used for classifying skilled nursing facility (SNF) patients in a Medicare Part A covered stay. PDPM is a new case-mix classification system for classifying SNF patients in Medicare Part A covered stay. In accordance with Article XIII, B. of the Amendment to the Agreement - Medicare Programs, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross), effective October 1, 2019 will also begin utilizing the PDPM payment rate classification system to determine reimbursement for Medicare Health Services provided and billed by a SNF for those services that qualify.

Providers should submit the PDPM for Health Services using the Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) code that is generated from assessments with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) on or after October 1, 2019. Blue Cross will publish additional information to assist providers as more details become available.

Products Impacted

This change only applies to:

- SecureBlue (MSHO)
- Medicare Advantage

Questions?

If you have questions for a member enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) plan, please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**. Please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820** for all other questions.