

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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October 23, 2019

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Billing

Per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Notice for SNF Part A, CMS is utilizing Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM), a new case-mix classification system for classifying SNF patients in Medicare Part A covered stay effective October 1, 2019. CMS is no longer using the Resource Utilization Group (RUG) rate payment classification system.

As previously communicated in Provider Bulletin P63-19, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) began utilizing the PDPM payment rate classification system to calculate reimbursement for Medicare-eligible skilled services provided and billed by a SNF beginning October 1, 2019.

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). Health Services provided prior to October 1, 2019 should be billed separately to allow for processing under the RUG payment rate, and Health Services provided on and after October 1, 2019 will need to be billed separately to allow for the PDPM payment rate. Claims not submitted in this manner will be rejected per CMS instructions. Providers may need to split claims to accommodate the methodology change. Split claims will have no impact on benefits.

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.

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