

CMS' new home health payment model begins Jan. 1, 2020

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be implementing a new Home Health Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM). The PDGM is a new payment model for the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS). The PDGM relies more heavily on clinical characteristics and other patient information to place home health periods of care into meaningful payment categories and eliminates the use of therapy service thresholds.

In conjunction with the implementation of the PDGM there will be a change in the unit of home health payment from a 60-day episode to a 30-day period. Security Health Plan will follow CMS guidelines regarding RAP (Requested for Anticipated Payment) as noted in the MLN Matters Article MM11081 (see link below).

Security Health Plan will be implementing the new payment model to stay compliant with contractual language and CMS reimbursement requirements.

Helpful resources:

[MLN Matters Article MM11081](#)

[MLN Matters Article MM11395](#)

[MLN Matters Article MM11272](#)