

Patient-Driven Payment Model replaces RUGs for Medicare Part A payment to skilled nursing facilities

Effective Oct. 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be implementing a new Skilled Nursing Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM). PDPM is a fundamental shift from RUGs IV and will replace RUGs entirely for Medicare Part A payment to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Payment is based upon an array of patient characteristics, primarily medical information, associated with newly designed direct care components.

This serves as a notice that Security Health Plan will be implementing the new payment model to stay compliant with contractual language and CMS reimbursement requirements.

naviHealth has taken the lead for Security Health Plan in training SNF staff on PDPM. SNF staff are encouraged to visit the naviHealth PDPM resource page at www.navihealth.com/pdpm.

Below are links to CMS resources on PDPM:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/therapyresearch.html>

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM11152.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R2299OTN.pdf>