



# PDPM Success: Step-by-Step

Calendar Outline for 2019 | by **PharMerica**

**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.