



Missouri Health Care Association

Weekly Update

April 19, 2024

CMS Issues Correction to FY2024 SNF PPS Final Rule PDPM ICD-10 Mapping

Last week, CMS issued a [correction](#) to the [FY 2024 SNF PPS final rule](#) (previously referred to as “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program and Value-Based Purchasing Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2024”), which was effective October 1, 2023. There were technical errors that CMS identified and corrected in the new document. These corrections are applicable as if they had been included in the FY 2024 SNF PPS Final Rule.

In the final rule, CMS stated it would add the surgical option that allows a subset of subcategory S42.2 – codes for displaced fractures to be eligible for one of two orthopedic surgery categories. Additionally, CMS stated that it would add this surgical option to the subcategory of M84.5 – codes for pathological fractures to certain weight bearing bones to be eligible for one of two orthopedic surgery categories.

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FY2024 SNF Medicaid Reimbursement Update

As previously reported, the new SNF Medicaid rates reflecting the \$10 PPD increase and \$.87 VBP incentive are now being paid. All Medicaid days billed before March 6 were paid at the old rate on March 19. The difference in the old rate and new 1/1/24 and 7/1/23 rates for all Medicaid days paid at the old rate will be included in your retro payment.

The retro payment for any increases you received to your rate on 7/1/23 and 1/1/24 is still on track to be paid on April 25.

If you still have a recoupment owed to the state from a reduction to your rate as a result of a decrease in your 1/1/23, 7/1/23 and/or 1/1/24 CMI/VBP incentive, MO HealthNet will be working directly with the facility and should already have been in touch with you, to work out a fair recoupment process for the facilities in that situation.

State Makes Final Decision on PDPM CMI Model

As you will recall, CMS has mandated all states transition to PDPM from RUGS for calculating CMI. Missouri will be transitioning to PDPM effective July 1, 2024. Since this announcement last summer, we have been working with MO HealthNet, along with our consultant FORVIS, to determine what Missouri's PDPM model should look like. After months of meetings and discussions, the state has decided to implement a PDPM model that utilizes the Nursing Component only.

After analyzing the data, there was little to no difference when using the Nursing Component of PDPM versus incorporating in other components of PDPM into model. The state also felt this was the least complicated approach to transition to PDPM for our facilities. MO HealthNet has committed to working with us in the future and to continue evaluating the data, after implementing this version of PDPM, to determine whether or not adding in any other components of PDPM is necessary to more accurately capture acuties. Most states that have transitioned to PDPM have transitioned in this same manner – using the PDPM Nursing Component only.

It is our understanding that the resident listings for 1/1/24 and 4/1/24 will be released soon and it will be announced with that release that the PDPM model will be based on the Nursing Component only. We are working to develop an education session for members on this topic. More information on education sessions will come soon.

CMS Announces Proposed Mandatory Episode-Based Model

Last week, following the release of the FY 2025 Inpatient Prospective Payment System proposed rule, CMS [announced](#) a mandatory episode-based, post-surgical [Transforming Episode Accountability Model \(TEAM\)](#). The model is part of CMS' continued efforts to increase provider participation in value-based care initiatives, advance their specialty strategy, and further CMS' goal of having all Medicare beneficiaries in a relationship accountable for quality and total cost of care by 2030. TEAM is designed to ensure that certain mandated hospitals are accountable for high quality care for five high volume, high expenditure surgical episodes up to 30-days post-discharge.

Hospitals will be selected from core-based statistical areas (CBSAs). CMS indicates that it plans to oversample certain CBSAs, such as those with minimal engagement in similar previous models and those with safety net hospitals located in them, to increase the reach of value-based care. Specific geographies will be released in the late fall.

Key Components:

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From MHD: An Easier Way to Manage Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

For participants who need non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), MO HealthNet's vendor MTM created a new tool that lets participants book new rides, review existing rides, make changes to rides, and cancel rides from their computer or phone.

Participants can download the MTM Link Member app from the app store. For instructions on how to use the app, participants can review the [MTM Link Trifold](#) or watch the short video on the [MTM website](#).

For additional information on NEMT, providers should review the [NEMT Provider Manual](#) and the [NEMT program page](#).

Cyber Security Preparedness Reminder

Managers from the Division of Regulation and Licensure within DHSS recently attended an update meeting with the CMS Regional Office in Kansas City. An informative presentation was provided by Captain Skip Payne, Director of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Operations (EPRO). Please see the attached [key points and reminders](#).

Survey Tip: Abuse, Neglect, and Misappropriation

AHCA has created a [new survey tip](#) that has been posted to the [AHCA Survey Regulatory page](#) pertaining to abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of resident property. This resource and other tip sheets related to recently noted survey trends in citations can be found on the Survey, Regulatory, and Legal page under the [Survey Preparedness subpage](#).

For other resources on preventing abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of resident property, visit the webinar titled [Abuse and Neglect](#) on [ahcancaLED](#). Please email any questions to regulatory@ahca.org.

SLCR Listserv - New Format!

The Section for Long-Term Care Regulation is now set up to deliver their listserv through a new format. The listserv emails will now come from the MissouriDHSS@public.govdelivery.com email address.

COVID Prevention and Response Phase II

The Department of Health and Senior Services COVID Prevention and Response Project has started Phase III! As has been reported, this final Phase will include FREE PPE items shipped directly to all Missouri Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Care Facilities.

IMPORTANT: Shipment of the PPE kits from Concordance Healthcare has begun!

Shipments will be coming to facilities directly from Concordance Healthcare via UPS. **Signatures will be required** by the UPS driver, so please alert your office staff of the expected delivery. This is a one-time shipment of PPE, which is being sent automatically to your facility.

The shipment will contain nine (9) boxes of:

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Reminder - CDC NHSN Open Office Hours for Annual Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccine Reporting

The CDC has scheduled an upcoming open office hour for reporting the annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Data (registration is required). Facilities are required to report this data by May 15, 2024, under the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) or may face a two percent reduction to their Medicare annual payment update for FY 2025.

The next upcoming open office hours is [Thursday April 25, 2024 at 2pm EST](#). Pre-registration is required.

Health Education Unit Updates

The DHSS Health Education Unit is conducting Weekly Instructor Info Webinars/Q&A Meetups. These sessions will be held the same day and time each week - **every Tuesday at 2:00 pm**. Click this [link](#) to join these weekly meetings. If you have questions, call the Health Education Unit at 573-526-5686.

The HEU and Headmaster met with their Test Advisory Panel in March to address some changes in the skills test and knowledge test. These changes will be effective on July 1, 2023, so please check the Missouri Headmaster Website for the most recent version of the Candidate Handbook.

CNA Testing Information From TMU/Headmaster

Below are the links for the CNA test Candidate Handbook and the Mock Skills. If you have students in your facility who are ready to test with TMU/Headmaster, please make sure they have access to both documents. It is very difficult for a student to pass without reviewing these documents. These are updated often.

- <https://health.mo.gov/safety/cnaregistry/pdf/missouri-candidate-handbook.pdf>
 - <https://www.hdmaster.com/testing/cnatesting/missouri/forms/MO%20MOCK%20SKILLS%207.2023.pdf>
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CNA Testing Events

All regional dates are viewable on the online calendar at <https://mo.tmutest.com/calendar>. To help with scheduling your testing event, contact Headmaster a few days after the CNA course starts. IMPORTANT – these are not the only test sites available. If you need a different testing location, please call Headmaster D&S (1-800-393-8664) and ask for the Missouri Team.

PLEASE NOTE: There have been changes to scheduling tests through TMU and to the paperwork for RN Observers. Please reach out to Headmaster with questions. missouri@hdmaster.com.

Knowledge and Skill testing is available May 6 and June 3 at MHCA. Please contact shellie@mohealthcare.com to reserve a time slot.

HQIN April 2024 Newsletter Includes Simple Strategies Strategies for Enhanced Barrier Precautions

Please check out the [HQIN April 2024 newsletter!](#) In this newsletter, you will find information on the following topics:

- Simple Strategies for Enhanced Barrier Precautions
- Enhanced Barrier Precautions
- Description of EBP
- Implementation of EBP
- QAPI in Action
- Is Your Emergency Preparedness Plan Survey Ready?
- ASCP Immunization Billing Support
- HQIN Workforce Strategy Resources

HQIN Strategies to Use During Your Nursing Home Stand-Up Meetings

The Health Quality Innovation Network's (HQIN) free 9-week education series is [now available for download on their Resource Center](#). You can download the topic(s) that you want to focus on in your facility or download the entire series and work through all nine weeks.

The five short, concentrated evidence-based talking points each week can easily be included in daily stand-up meetings to increase staff knowledge on relevant topics. The program is designed to empower nursing home staff with practical knowledge to foster a safer environment and decrease preventable emergency room visits and hospital readmissions.

Please [share your experience](#) in using the content and materials offered in the Nursing Home Stand-Up Series.

The Center Of Excellence For Behavior Health in Nursing Facilities

The COE-NF released [new education events for April](#) that offers Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) credits. The COE-NF also continues to provide [tailored technical assistance](#), such as an individualized plan to assist your facility with specific behavioral health needs to include training as needed.

Upcoming April Events:

- April 23 from 1 – 2 pm CST – [Preventing Implicit \(Unconscious\) Bias from Undermining Resident Care: Strategies and Opportunities](#)
- April 24 from 1 – 1:30 pm CST – [An Introduction to Trauma Informed Care Approaches](#)
- April 25 from 1 – 1:30 pm CST – [Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services \(CLAS\) Implementation for Behavioral Health Equity in Nursing Facilities](#)
- April 26 from 10 am – 3:30 pm CST – [Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\)](#)
- April 30 from 1 – 2:30 pm CST – [Question, Persuade, Refer \(QPR\) – Suicide Prevention Training](#)

The COE-NF also has [on-demand training videos](#), which includes bite-sized learnings and longer video modules with pre/posttests on topics such as Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Mental Health, Substance Use, Trauma Informed Care, and Alcohol Use Disorder. They also offer a wide array of resources on a multitude of mental health topics via the [resource hub](#).

Beginning in May 2024, the COE-NF will host six monthly one-hour cohort sessions that are FREE to attend. This series is intended to improve the behavioral health knowledge and skill set of ALL staff working in nursing homes. Each session builds upon the previous, so it is intended for participants to join every session over the six-month period. Participants will learn best practices from subject matter experts, gain access to monthly open office hours for live Q&A, and receive Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.

Other Links:

- [The Center of Excellence Fact Sheet](#)
- [Sign up for the monthly newsletter](#)

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