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Dear Home Health Provider,

Aetna Better Health of MI wanted to provide your organization with an FAQ related to upcoming Medicare changes related to the new Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM). Please share this with staff and billers for your organization. We hope this will assist you when billing Aetna for Home Health claims.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Does Aetna have plans to adopt the Patient Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) per Medicare Part A billing requirements?
Yes. Aetna will implement the PDGM payment model for Skilled Home Health Medicare Part A billing.
- Does Aetna plan to change the existing claim billing requirements to accommodate the new PDGM components such as the submission of a PDGM HIPPS Code and/or other information on Medicare claims?
Providers should bill using Medicare guidelines. Aetna will use a pricing tool (Burgess) for calculating claim payments that is consistent with Medicare Fee For Service. The payment changes will be reflected in claims with Dates of Service (DOS) on or after the effective date of PDGM being implemented in our system. Aetna will follow all contractual arrangements and negotiated arrangements regarding reimbursement. Most provider contracts are 100% Medicare allowable.
- When does Aetna plan to implement PDGM requirements and/or changes?
Our changes will align with Medicare effective date which would be 1/1/20 Dates of Service (DOS) forward.

Additional information can be found related to the PDGM Medicare changes at the following sites:

- Link to HH Final Rule: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-11-13/pdf/2018-24145.pdf>
- Details for title: CMS-1689-FC: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HomeHealthPPS/Home-Health-Prospective-Payment-System-Regulations-and-Notices-Items/CMS-1689-FC.html>
- Link to Transmittal 4228/CR11081: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4228CP.pdf>
- Link to Transmittal 4312/CR11272: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4312CP.pdf>
- Link to Transmittal 4294/CR11272: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4294CP.pdf>
- PDGM Resources found on CMS' Home Health Agency Center Webpage: <https://www.cms.gov/center/provider-type/home-health-agency-hha-center.html>

Should you have any questions related to this communication, please contact our Provider Experience department at 866-314-3784.

Sincerely,

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