

READINESS CHECKLIST

As a home health agency, there are a lot of factors to consider prior to the implementation of PDGM on January 1, 2020. Use this guide to get your agency started and if you have questions, At Home With Aegis is here to help.

- Review CMS' Provider-Specific Impact Files and/or PDGM Grouper Tool to begin to assess how your agency may be impacted by PDGM
- Begin to talk with your therapy staff about their specific knowledge of and preparation for PDGM
- Assess the potential need for therapy staff changes and how this may impact your pricing arrangement (contract therapy) or internal staffing cost (in-house)
- Begin discussing necessary PDGM changes with your EHR software partners as it relates to determining:
 - Choosing primary diagnosis
 - Identifying co-morbid conditions
 - Identifying functional scores
 - Identifying and ongoing tracking of visits for LUPA considerations
- Discuss the efficiency and effectiveness of transfer documentation process with your key referring hospitals and SNFs
- Identify how you will coordinate collaboration with your therapy and nursing staff regarding ratings of function
- Identify payers ("A-like" and State Medicaid) that are planning on implementing changes in response to PDGM

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