

READINESS CHECKLIST

As a skilled nursing facility, there are a lot of factors to consider prior to the implementation of PDPM on October 1, 2019. Use this guide to get you started, and if you have questions, Aegis Therapies is here to help.

- Review available data sources such as CMS' Provider-Specific Impact Files and/or PDPM Grouper Tool to start assessing how your facility may be impacted by PDPM.
- Talk with your therapy department to assess their specific knowledge of and preparation for PDPM.
- Think about your therapy service expectations (e.g., concerns about declining minutes, comfort with delivery of therapy in group and concurrent settings, etc.) in order to assess the potential need for therapy department staff changes and how this may impact your pricing arrangement (contract therapy) or internal staffing cost (in-house).
- With ongoing assessment and accurate coding of resident function/condition as a centerpiece of PDPM, consider potential staffing changes (hours and/or area of focus) related to your MDS personnel.
- Actively discuss PDPM changes with your EHR software partners as it relates to determining:
 - Choosing i0020B diagnosis codes and ensuring accuracy.
 - Identifying and ongoing tracking of NTA-related comorbidities and conditions.
 - Identifying and ongoing tracking of other co-morbidities.
 - Identifying and ongoing tracking of SLP triggers and co-morbidities.
- Discuss the efficiency and effectiveness of transfer documentation process with your key referring hospitals so you receive necessary information.
- Consider what specific processes you will use to track changes in resident function, communicate changes and determine the need for IPA assessment.
- Identify how you will receive input from your therapy and nursing staff regarding Section GG ratings for the 5-day and DC assessments.
- Begin tracking Section GG changes in function now to gauge how often residents' functional status is changing.
- Identify payers ("A-like" and State Medicaid) that are planning on implementing changes in response to PDPM (e.g., RUG-based managed care contracts).

Questions about this information? Contact PDPM@AegisTherapies.com or visit our Resource Center for more information at [AegisTherapies.com/Resources](https://www.aegistherapies.com/Resources).