

Home Health **Proposed Rule for 2022**

Updates payment rates for CY 2022

- Market basket update 1.7% increase (once budget neutrality is included)
- 30-day payment rate: CY 2022 \$2013.43
- Recalibrates all 432 case mix weights
- No changes to the behavioral adjustments; CMS wants more data before changes are made
- No changes in LUPA thresholds for 2022
- CMS saw an increase in High Functional Impairment levels.
 - o Expectation was for 31.2% of patients to be placed in high functional impairment level
 - o Reality shows 41.7% of patients were placed in high functional impairment level
 - o CMS proposed changes to the functional point calculations from OASIS response to recalibrate the distribution of the functional impairment level

Home Health Value Based Purchasing (HHVBP) program expansion

- Expand HHVBP to all 50 states and the District of Columbia beginning 1/1/2022
 - o Baseline year CY 2019
 - o Performance year CY 2022
 - o Payment year CY 2024
- End Model 1 year early for those already participating
 - o No new measures to be added when expanded

HH Conditions of Participation changes

- Makes permanent some of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) waivers
- Allow OT to perform the SOC OASIS and initial assessment when OT is on the plan of care with PT and/or ST and when Skilled Nursing is NOT initially in the plan of care.
 - o This change in CoP does not change the regulation that does not allow OT to establish benefit eligibility
- HHA supervision changes in the waivers
 - o 14-day HCA sup visit can be conducted via interactive telecommunications
 - o Cannot exceed 2 of these virtual visits in a 60-day periods per agency, regardless of the # of aides or patients.

Home Health QRP changes

- Remove Drug Education on all Meds Provided to Pt/Caregiver measure
 - o End collection 1/1/2023
- Remove Acute Care Hosp during the First 60-days of HH measure and ED use w/o Hosp during the First 60-days of HH measure from CY 2023
 - o To be replaced with the HH Within-Stay Potentially Preventable Hosp claims-based measures beginning with CY 2023 HH QRP
- Publicly report the measure of Percent of Residents Experiencing One or More Major Falls with Injury measure and Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patient with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function Measure beginning April 2022.
- Proposal to collect the two Transfer of Health Information and additional Standardized Patient Assessment Data Element beginning 1/1/2023
- Use of OASIS E to begin 1/1/2023

Notice of Admission

- HHA will submit a one time NOA that establishes the home health period of care and covers all contiguous 30-day periods of care until the individual is discharged from Medicare HH services.
- There is a payment reduction if the HHA does not submit the NOA for CY2022 and beyond within 5 calendar days from the SOC. The reduction is equal to 1/30th reduction to the 30day period payment for each day from the HH SOC until the date the HHA submits the NOA.

For a Fact Sheet of the Final Rule, click here: www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/cms-proposes-calendar-year-2022-home-health-prospective-payment-system-rate-update

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