Home Health Data Report - March 2020

This report provides key performance indicators (KPIs) to help assess performance under the home health Medicare Patient Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) compared to the Prospective Payment System (PPS). All data was compiled by BKD, LLP using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) claims-OASIS limited data set from the 2020 final payment rule, which is composed of 2018 PPS claims and OASIS data repriced according to PDGM methodology. This data does not consider CMS behavior adjustments.

KPI	PPS	PDGM
Average case-mix weight	1.0531 per episode*	1.0814 per period*
Average payment	$3,115 per episode*	$1,923 per period*
LUPAs	10.8% of episodes	10.3% of periods
Volume	1.5 episodes per patient	2.3 periods per patient
Average visits	16.4 per episode*	10.5 per period*

*Represents non-LUPA data

Average case-mix weight reflects the average case-mix weight of all PPS episodes or PDGM payment periods, excluding those subject to low utilization payment adjustment (LUPA). Case-mix weight is a reflection of payment elements under both PPS and PDGM. PPS episodes and PDGM payment periods subject to LUPA have been excluded since they are paid based on per-visit rates rather than case-mix weight.

Average payment reflects the average payment per PPS episode or PDGM payment period, excluding LUPAs, and is a direct reflection of average case-mix weight. PPS episodes and PDGM payment periods subject to LUPA have been excluded since they are paid based on per-visit rates rather than case-mix weight.

LUPAs reflects the percent of PPS episodes or PDGM payment periods with total visits below LUPA thresholds. LUPAs apply to any PPS episode with less than five total visits. LUPA thresholds under PDGM are variable based on certain payment elements and apply to payment periods with two to six total visits.

Volume reflects the average number of PPS episodes or PDGM payment periods per patient. PPS episodes span up to 60 days while PDGM payment periods span no more than 30 days.

Average visits reflects the average number of total visits per PPS episode or PDGM payment period, excluding LUPAs. PPS episodes and PDGM payment periods subject to LUPA have been excluded since they are paid based on per-visit rates rather than case-mix weight. Total visits include those performed by skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, speech pathology, medical social worker, and home health aide disciplines.

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