

Compliance Today – February 2020 Disruptive changes bring compliance opportunities

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The new year brings, hopefully, a calm to the disruptive changes affecting reimbursement for care in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as part of its well-publicized movement from volume to value-based care, implemented the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) on October 1, 2019. Under this payment system, the volume or “minutes” of therapy under the Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs) no longer drives reimbursement. In short, therapy is no longer “king.”

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