
PDPM Resource Sheet

AOTA's Response to PDPM

- Achieved numerous in-person Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) meetings and provided [comments promoting the role of OT](#) at every stage where CMS was accepting feedback.
- Opened a direct line of communication with CMS and skilled nursing facility (SNF) industry groups.
- Began updating CMS on PDPM occupational therapy trends on a monthly basis:
 - CMS is now monitoring therapy service provision and patient outcomes under PDPM at the national, regional, state, and facility levels.
- Started soliciting and collecting OT practitioner stories to find out how the changes impact clients:
 - Significant changes in the amount of therapy provided to SNF patients under PDPM may result in notifications to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General for further investigation.
 - Facility performance on quality measures is key indicator of success (see [SNF Evaluation Checklist](#)).
- Continued monitoring available data

How to Advocate for Occupational Therapy

AOTA is committed to promoting the value of occupational therapy, but we can't do it alone. Below are ways you can advocate for the essential services you provide to clients:

- Educate colleagues regarding the role of OT in SNFs
 - [OT Skilled Nursing Facility Evaluation Checklist & Quality Measures](#)
 - [Fact Sheet: Occupational Therapy's Role in Skilled Nursing Facilities](#)
- Speak with supervisors or agency quality departments regarding questions about PDPM implementation.
- Contact your organization's Internal Compliance Officer if PDPM is not being represented appropriately.
- Contact [State Certification and Survey Agencies](#) regarding concerns
- Contact the [Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General](#) to report suspected illegal behavior

PDPM Resources

The following resources are available to help practitioners thrive in the PDPM environment:

- [AOTA PDPM website](#)
 - General information and resources
 - Advocacy updates
- AOTA [OT Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Evaluation Checklist](#)
- AOTA [Clinical Judgment Resources](#)
- AOTA [1-Day Specialty Conference About PDPM](#)—Recording from June 2019 (Fee to access the entire conference or individual presentations)
- AOTA [Considerations for Group, Concurrent, and Individual Therapy](#)
- Therapy Services After Payment Changes in SNFs: [How to Show Your Value Within PDPM](#)
- AOTA Member Appreciation [Free Member Webinar—PDPM: Occupational Therapy Professionals' Opportunity to Improve Quality of Care](#)
- AOTA Volume to Value Series Webinar: [Overview of PDPM—Part 1](#)
- AOTA Volume to Value Series Webinar: [Overview of PDPM—Part 2](#)
- AOTA Article: [Promoting OT Under PDPM](#)
- [CMS Patient-Driven Payment Model Overview and Resources](#)
- MLN Presentation: [SNF PPS: Patient Driven Payment Model](#)