



To: Nursing Facility Administrators  
From: Dezeree Hodish, Assistant Director Financial and Contract Management  
Subject: Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) Data Collection Beginning 9/1/2024  
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Nursing Facility Administrators:

The State of Rhode Island Medicaid Program will switch from a Resource Utilization Groups (RUG)-based payment to a PDPM-based payment on 10/1/2025. To prepare for this transition and develop the new payment schema, the State will begin collecting required MDS data necessary to determine the PDPM HIPPS code for each Medicaid resident in Rhode Island nursing facilities on September 1, 2024. The State's Medicaid Program, nursing facilities, and nursing facilities' billing vendors must have a uniform start date for data collection. If we are unaligned, MDS OBRA assessments will be rejected from submission to CMS. **Please note that the State is still using Optional State Assessments (OSAs) to continue RUG-based payment through 9/30/2025. Nursing facilities must continue to complete the required OSAs through 9/30/2025. PDPM data collection does not negate the continued need for completion of the OSAs.**

The steps below detail what is required as of 9/1/2024 to successfully submit MDS OBRA assessment files to CMS showing each resident's PDPM HIPPS code.

**1. Completion of All Required MDS Fields to Generate a PDPM HIPPS Code.**

**a. Beginning 9/1/2024, nursing facilities must complete PDPM required FFY 2024 MDS fields.**

- i. The attached PDF file, entitled "MDS Item Matrix FFY 2024" lists required MDS fields necessary to generate a PDPM HIPPS code. Every item with a "x" or "+" in the PDPM (Payment Only) column must be completed on the MDS. If nursing facilities do not currently complete these fields, they must begin completing these fields. This may require changes to how facilities currently complete MDS assessments. Nursing Facility Administrators should meet with clinical staff who complete MDS assessments and review this memo and the new required fields.
- ii. More detail on each required field is available in [CMS' Long-Term Care Facility Assessment Instrument 3.0 User's Manual Version 1.1.8.11](#).
- iii. Please also review the [MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual \(v1.18.11R\) Errata \(v2\)](#) which updates select sections in the above-mentioned User's Manual.

**b. Beginning 10/1/2024, nursing facilities must complete the PDPM required FFY 2025 MDS fields.**

- i. The attached PDF file, entitled "MDS Item Matrix FFY 2025" lists the required MDS fields necessary to generate a PDPM Payment HIPPS code. Every item with a "x" or "+" in the PDPM (Payment Only) column must be completed on the MDS. If nursing facilities do not currently complete these fields, they must begin

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- ii. More detail in each of the required fields is available in CMS' Draft [CMS' Long-Term Care Facility Assessment Instrument 3.0 User's Manual Version 1.1.9.1.](#)

## 2. Updates to MatrixCare and PointClickCare Software

- a. **PointClickCare Users.** PointClickCare makes the change in software configuration on behalf of the providers to collect the PDPM data on OBRA assessments. Providers do not need to take additional steps to collect the data. PointClickCare will provide an in-app notification which will let the users know that they will begin to see the additional questions on OBRA assessments. Should your PointClickCare representative reach out to you during the transition, please be timely with your responses to ensure a smooth transition.
- b. **MatrixCare Users.** MatrixCare provided the State with the attached instructions, "MatrixCare Instructions," that customers must follow to implement PDPM data collection. Please review and complete the necessary steps. If you have questions, reach out to your MatrixCare Representative. Should your MatrixCare representative reach out to you during the transition, please be timely with your responses to ensure a smooth transition.

The State will reach out to providers with any additional information that PointClickCare and MatrixCare may share with the State during the transition.

If you have questions on these changes, please reach out to the Medicaid Finance team via an email to [OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov).

Enclosures:

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