

## PDPM OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

In PDPM, every Skilled Med-A patient will be assigned an OT Component whether or not they receive OT treatment. The OT Component of a patient's per diem rate will consist of 3 factors:

- **Clinical Category** – based off of patient's diagnosis that is the reason for the SNF stay.
- **Function Score** – based off of a sum of 10 Section GG self-care and mobility items of the MDS.
- **Variable Per Diem Adjustment Rate** – 2% reduction every 7 days after day 20.

| 4 OT Clinical Categories                    | 10 PDPM Clinical Categories  |
|---|--|
| Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery   | Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery  |
| Non-Orthopedic Surgery and Acute Neurologic | Non-Orthopedic Surgery<br>Acute Neurologic   |
| Other Orthopedic                            | Non-Surgical Orthopedic/Musculoskeletal<br>Orthopedic Surgery                                    |
| Medical Management                          | Medical Management<br>Acute Infections<br>Cancer<br>Pulmonary<br>Cardiovascular and Coagulations |

### Function Score is obtained from 10 items of Section GG on MDS:

The higher the score the greater the independence; the lower the score the greater the dependence.

| MDS Section GG Item                       | SCORE                    |
|---|--------------------------|
| Self-Care: Eating                         | 0-4                      |
| Self-Care: Oral Hygiene                   | 0-4                      |
| Self-Care: Toileting Hygiene              | 0-4                      |
| Mobility: Sit to lying                    | 0-4 (average of 2 items) |
| Mobility: Lying to sitting on side of bed |                          |
| Mobility: Sit to stand                    | 0-4 (average of 3 items) |
| Mobility: Chair/bed-to-chair transfer     |                          |
| Mobility: Toilet transfer                 |                          |
| Mobility: Walk 50 feet with 2 turns       | 0-4 (average of 2 items) |
| Mobility: Walk 150 feet                   |                          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                             | <b>0-24</b>              |

**OT Case Mix Group and Case Mix Index:** Every patient will be assigned a Case Mix Group that is dependent on the OT Clinical Category and the patient's Function Score from section GG of the MDS.

The Case Mix Index is a base number, think of it as a weighted score. This weighted score will then be multiplied by a set variable to determine the OT Component per diem rate for each patient.

| OT Clinical Category                        | Function Score | OT Case Mix Group | OT Case Mix Index |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery   | 0-5            | TA                | 1.49              |
|   | 6-9            | TB                | 1.63              |
|   | 10-23          | TC                | 1.69              |
|   | 24             | TD                | 1.53              |
| Other Orthopedic                            | 0-5            | TE                | 1.41              |
|   | 6-9            | TF                | 1.60              |
|   | 10-23          | TG                | 1.64              |
|   | 24             | TH                | 1.15              |
| Medical Management                          | 0-5            | TI                | 1.18              |
|   | 6-9            | TJ                | 1.45              |
|   | 10-23          | TK                | 1.54              |
|   | 24             | TL                | 1.11              |
| Non-Orthopedic Surgery And Acute Neurologic | 0-5            | TM                | 1.30              |
|   | 6-9            | TN                | 1.50              |
|   | 10-23          | TO                | 1.55              |
|   | 24             | TP                | 1.09              |

**OT Variable Per-Diem Adjustment Rate:** The OT Component consists of a full rate of reimbursement for days 1-20. There will be a 2% reduction in the per diem rate for OT every 7 days after day 20 because CMS feels the cost associated with services OT delivers is diminished throughout the patient's skilled stay.