

All-State Medicaid and CHIP Call October 4, 2022



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Agenda

- Recent CMS Releases:
 - Resources to Support System and Logic Testing for Unwinding when the PHE Ends
 - State Medicaid Director Letter #22-005: Guidance on Nursing Facility State Plan Payment and Upper Payment Limit Approaches in Medicaid Relying on the Medicare Patient-Driven Payment Model
 - Opportunities to Support Unwinding Efforts for States with Integrated Eligibility Systems and/or Workforces
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Unwinding Systems Testing Resource



Resources to Support System and Logic Testing for Unwinding when the PHE Ends

September 2022

- On September 20th, 2022, CMS released a guide that aims to support states in planning for and prioritizing systems testing efforts specific to unwinding.
- The Testing Guide is available at: https://www.medicaid.gov/r
 esources-forstates/downloads/resources
 -support-sys-logic-testunwinding.pdf

SMDL: Guidance on Nursing Facility State Plan Payment and Upper Payment Limit Approaches

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SMD# 22-005

RE: Guidance on Nursing Facility
State Plan Payment and Upper
Payment Limit Approaches in
Medicaid Relying on the Medicare
Patient-Driven Payment Model

September 21, 2022

Dear State Medicaid Director:

This letter provides guidance to states as they consider transitioning from the Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs) to the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) to pay Medicaid nursing facilities, as well as incorporating PDPM payments as the basis for nursing facility upper payment limit (UPL) demonstrations. The guidance herein is important for states, since CMS will no longer support the Medicare RUGs systems after October 1, 2023, as CMS is ending support for RUG-III and RUG-IV on federally required assessments for patients residing in Sursing Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities as of October 1, 2023. The ending of this support was previously communicated in a 2018 Medicaid Informational Bulletin¹ which had signaled that this support would end on October 1, 2020, however, as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the end date was delayed to provide stakeholders additional time to make necessary systems changes.

In an August 2018 Medicare final rule, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the RUG-IV case-mix classification model used under the Medicare skilled

- On September 21st, 2022, CMS released a SMDL that provides guidance to states as they consider transitioning from Resource Utilization Groups to the Patient-Driven Payment Model to pay Medicaid nursing facilities.
- The SMDL is available at:
 https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd22005.pdf

¹ https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib120618.pdf

Opportunities to Support Unwinding Efforts for States with Integrated Eligibility Systems and/or Workforces



- On September 12th, 2022, CMS
 posted a resource that highlights
 opportunities for states to leverage
 information from other human
 services benefit programs to support
 Medicaid and CHIP unwinding
 efforts.
- The resource is available at:
 https://www.medicaid.gov/resources
 -for-states/downloads/opp-unwind eff-st-integ-elig-sys-workforce.pdf

Unwinding Communications Toolkit Materials in Multiple Languages





- On September 28th, 2022, CMS released the Unwinding Communications Toolkit drop-in articles and graphics in five additional languages:
 - o Chinese
 - o Hindi
 - Korean
 - Tagalog
 - Vietnamese
- The drop-in articles and graphics are available in the Communications Tools section of Medicaid.gov/unwinding



Questions