WHAT EVERY HOME HEALTH AGENCY (HHA) NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOME HEALTH GROUPINGS MODEL (HHGM)

CASE-MIX WEIGHT

How are the HHGMs defined?

128 PAYMENT GROUPS
5 CATEGORIES

153 HHRGs
Current PPS
5 EQUATIONS

HHGM *Categories:*

1. TIMING
2. REFERRAL SOURCE
3. CLINICAL GROUPING
4. FUNCTIONAL LEVEL
5. COMORBIDITY

Referral Source

Where has your patient been?

14 DAYS PRIOR

INSTITUTION *or* COMMUNITY ?

Periods are the new Episodes.

- SUBMIT ONE OASIS ASSESSMENT / 60 DAYS
- PAID MONTHLY; SUBMIT 30-DAY CLAIMS
- EARLY PERIOD = 1ST 30 DAYS
- LATE PERIODS = 31 DAYS+

LUPA LOW UTILIZATION PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT

BOTTOM 10% OF VISITS

{ *For each payment group per 30 day period* }

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6 Clinical Groupings

What is the patient's principal diagnosis?

1. MS REHAB
2. NEURO / STROKE REHAB
3. WOUNDS
4. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT TEACHING & ASSESSMENT (MMTA)
5. BEHAVIORAL
6. COMPLEX NURSING CARE

WATCH OUT:

If a principal diagnosis code is a "questionable encounter," the HHA will be asked to re-submit the claim with additional codes for clarification.

[COMORBIDITY]

What is comorbidity & what are the categories?

2 OR MORE COEXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR DISEASE PROCESSES — *in addition to initial diagnosis*

116 *sub-categories*

HEART DISEASE (11) · RESPIRATORY (9) · GASTROINTESTINAL (9) · CIRCULATORY & BLOOD DISORDERS (12) · SKIN DISEASE (5) · NEOPLASMS (24) · CEREBRAL VASCULAR DISEASE (4) · ENDOCRINE (6) · NEUROLOGICAL & ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS (11) · BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (6) · GENITOURINARY & RENAL DISEASE (5) · MUSCULOSKELATAL DISEASE OR INJURY (5) · INFECTIOUS DISEASE (4)

KEY AREAS IMPACTED

- ⊗ POTENTIAL EFFECT ON RURAL PATIENTS
- ⊗ NO MORE RELIANCE ON THERAPY VISITS
- ⊗ NOT BUDGET NEUTRAL
- ⊗ 60-DAY EPISODES

? Questions or concerns regarding the proposed HHGM?

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