Non-Therapy Ancillaries (NTA) IPA Considerations

The NTA component group has 6 possible categories that a patient may fall into. Fifty weighted MDS items representing many patient comorbidities and extensive services are added together to obtain a total score. Patients may have from 0 points to more than 12 points. As there are 50 NTA items that need to be reviewed for each patient and payment is multiplied by three for the first three days of an individual's stay, this represents a significant variable per diem adjustment for the NTA component. Consequently, it is imperative that all applicable NTA items are captured for each patient in order to ensure that the facility receives the proper reimbursement to support the services that the patient requires. One point could potentially be the difference between one category and the next, which could make a substantial daily and weekly difference in terms of payment.

How 1 NTA point can make a difference:

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily Difference	Weekly Difference
NTA	NF (NTA score range 0)	0.68	$96.33	$65.50	$22.16	$155.12
	NE (NTA score range 1-2)	0.91	$96.33	$87.66		
NTA	NE (NTA score range 1-2)	0.91	$96.33	$87.66	$33.72	$236.04
	ND (NTA score range 3-5)	1.26	$96.33	$121.38		
NTA	ND (NTA score range 3-5)	1.26	$96.33	$121.38	$46.23	$323.61
	NC (NTA score range 6-8)	1.74	$96.33	$167.61		
NTA	NC (NTA score range 6-8)	1.74	$96.33	$167.61	$62.62	$438.34
	NB (NTA score range 9-11)	2.39	$96.33	$230.23		
NTA	NB (NTA score range 9-11)	2.39	$96.33	$230.23	$64.54	$451.78
	NA (NTA score range 12+)	3.06	$96.33	$294.77		

*calculations do not consider the variable per diem adjustment or geographic wage related adjustments