Physical Therapy IPA Considerations

The Physical Therapy component group has 16 possible categories. Category placement is dependent upon two elements: the clinical reason for the stay in the skilled nursing facility and the functional status from scoring on Section GG. As the clinical reason for the stay is unlikely to change, the functional status is what requires close observation during a patient's stay relative to this therapy component. When looking at the four collapsed PT/OT Clinical Categories, a patient may fall into one of four function score range groups. One function point here can make the difference between one case-mix group to the next, which could potentially make a large financial impact.

How function score can make a difference:

Major Joint Replacement or Spinal Surgery

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily	Weekly
Physical Therapy	TA (0-5 Function Score)	1.45	$73.25	$106.21	Difference between 5 and 6	
	TB (6-9 Function Score)	1.61	$73.25	$117.93	$11.72	$82.04
Physical Therapy	TB (6-9 Function Score)	1.61	$73.25	$117.93	Difference between 9 and 10	
	TC (10-23 Function Score)	1.78	$73.25	$130.39	$12.46	$87.22
Physical Therapy	TC (10-23 Function Score)	1.78	$73.25	$130.39	Difference between 23 and 24	
	TD (24 Function Score)	1.81	$73.25	$132.58	$2.19	$15.33

Other Orthopedic

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily	Weekly
Physical Therapy	TE (0-5 Function Score)	1.34	$73.25	$98.16	Difference between 5 and 6	
	TF (6-9 Function Score)	1.52	$73.25	$111.34	$13.18	$92.26
Physical Therapy	TF (6-9 Function Score)	1.52	$73.25	$111.34	Difference between 9 and 10	
	TG (10-23 Function Score)	1.58	$73.25	$115.74	$4.40	$30.80
Physical Therapy	TG (10-23 Function Score)	1.58	$73.25	$115.74	Difference between 23 and 24	
	TH (24 Function Score)	1.10	$73.25	*$80.58	$35.16	$246.12

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Medical Management

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily	Weekly
Physical Therapy	TI (0-5 Function Score)	1.07	$73.25	$78.38	Difference between 5 and 6	
	TJ (6-9 Function Score)	1.34	$73.25	$98.16	$19.78	$138.46
Physical Therapy	TJ (6-9 Function Score)	1.34	$73.25	$98.16	Difference between 9 and 10	
	TK (10-23 Function Score)	1.44	$73.25	$105.48	$7.32	$51.24
Physical Therapy	TK (10-23 Function Score)	1.44	$73.25	$105.48	Difference between 23 and 24	
	TL (24 Function Score)	1.03	$73.25	*$75.45	$30.03	$210.21

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Non-Orthopedic Surgery and Acute Neurologic

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily	Weekly
Physical Therapy	TM (0-5 Function Score)	1.20	$73.25	$87.90	Difference between 5 and 6	
	TN (6-9 Function Score)	1.40	$73.25	$102.55	$14.65	$102.55
Physical Therapy	TN (6-9 Function Score)	1.40	$73.25	$102.55	Difference between 9 and 10	
	TO (10-23 Function Score)	1.47	$73.25	$107.68	$5.13	$35.91
Physical Therapy	TO (10-23 Function Score)	1.47	$73.25	$107.68	Difference between 23 and 24	
	TP (24 Function Score)	1.02	$73.25	*$74.72	$32.96	$230.72

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