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2013 PPS Updates Place Providers at Risk

Is your agency at risk? The 2013 PPS Updates and revised OASIS –C Manual, last updated in December of 2012, have placed many Home Health Providers at risk. Has your Medicare PPS rate decreased in 2013? Can you drill down on any of your 2013 changes to adequately identify and address those changes? Provider surveillance and risk management is critical to maintain data integrity and accurate agency reimbursement.

Consider these 2013 Changes:

- **The allocation of case mix points in the 2013 PPS Model has changed this year**
- **The Medicare Case Mix Grouper software only allocates points for certain aftercare (V) diagnosis codes**
- **The definition and point allocation for the OASIS case mix payer, M1024, has changed as well**
- **Correct diagnosis selection, sequencing and coding is absolutely vital with these 2013 PPS and OASIS changes**
- **Variations in Home Health Code practices threatens providers reimbursement as CMS continues to refine payment models**

What's Changed from 2012?

- **Prior to this year CMS would allocate points for ALL case mix diagnoses in the OASIS case mix payer item, M1024, regardless of the aftercare (V) diagnosis code placed in the primary or secondary OASIS item**
- **CMS had re-defined the OASIS case mix payer, indicating that only fracture codes will be reimbursed when placed in the OASIS case mix payer, M1024**

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- CMS will allocate primary case mix points, with a higher PPS point value, to three case mix categories, if they are sequenced *immediately* after the primary aftercare (V) diagnosis code
- If the diagnosis sequence does not accurately place the case mix diagnosis after the primary aftercare (V) diagnosis code, the provider may lose case mix points and episodic reimbursement

If you have experienced a change in your 2013 Medicare PPS episodic reimbursement, consider a compliance code report scan to ensure accurate data integrity and agency reimbursement.

RBC Limited has provided compliance and risk management audits for over 20 years, with the goal to support and enhance agency data integrity and risk management. *Ensure your agency's reimbursement and outcomes are accurate in this sea of change.* Contact RBC Limited for more information regarding remote or on site audit support options to enhance your risk management surveillance program.

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