

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2049-MC-FFS

DATE: September 24, 2019

TO: Iowa Medicaid Nursing Facilities (NF), Nursing Facilities for the Mentally Ill (NFMi), and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Optional State Assessment (OSA)

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2019

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will implement the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) effective October 1, 2019. All scheduled Prospective Payment System (PPS) assessments (except the 5-day) and all unscheduled PPS assessments will be retired. To fill this gap in assessments, CMS has created an OSA as a way for NFs to report changes in patient status, consistent with individual state case-mix rules so that Medicaid payments are not adversely impacted when PDPM is implemented.

The IME relies on the resource utilization group (RUG)-III assessment schedules from PPS for calculating case mix for NF residents. In order to continue the rate setting methodology, the IME will require a 30-day OSA for Medicare recipients beginning October 1, 2019.

There are no changes to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) assessments at this time. NFs should continue to complete OBRA assessments as they do today.

For further information on PDPM, visit the CMS website at:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPSPDPM.html>

If you have any questions please contact the minimum data set (MDS) Automation Coordinator at 1-800-383-256 or email MDSCoordinatorIA@telligen.com.