

Collaboration in Skilled Nursing Facilities: A Certificate of Skills in Medicare, MDS, and PDPM for Therapy Professionals

Discover how you can improve therapy collaboration in SNFs by eliminating the silos of care management and redefining the role of therapy in clinical reimbursement and quality outcomes. Developed for the entire therapy team by the MDS experts at [AAPACN](#) and the clinical therapy experts at Aegis Therapies, this course is intended to increase the knowledge and skills of the team by optimizing the impact of therapy in the patient care process and improving collaboration for documentation to support the MDS and skilled level of care under Medicare Part A.



Learning Objectives

- Describe the initial purpose of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) and the philosophy of the SNF Prospective Payment System
- State the technical eligibility requirements for Medicare and describe the skilled level of care requirements
- Identify how therapy documentation can impact the accurate coding of many different MDS items
- Delineate the key components of the five case-mix adjusted components of the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM)
- Identify the perils and pitfalls of the MDS and PPS process

Program Format

The Therapy Collaboration in SNFs program is offered online and includes a certificate test. A certificate is earned upon completion of the test with 80% correct.

Continuing Education

The Therapy Collaboration in SNFs program is eligible for 0.8 AOTA CEUs, 0.95 ASHA CEUs, and 0.8 FPTA CEUs.

Who This Program Benefits

AAPACN is committed to IDT approach to resident care; therefore, this program is written for all members of the therapy team, including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, therapy assistants, rehabilitation aides, therapy consultants, and anyone interested in learning more about how the therapy team collaborates as part of the IDT and contributes to the MDS process, skilled Medicare services, and the PDPM.

Program Agenda

Although this course is a self-paced online course, here is the suggested timeline to complete each section.

- Overview of Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Interdisciplinary Teamwork
(total words for chapter 4622, 46 min)
 - The role of the team members (603 words, 6 min)
 - History of OBRA /87 (1062 words, 10 min)
 - Application of the MDS and RAI process (2395 words, 23 min)
 - Methodology and Philosophy of SNF PPS (562 words, 5 minutes)

- Introduction to Medicare Skilled Requirements and PDPM –
(total words for chapter 24868, 4hr, 8 min)
 - SNF Part A Medicare coverage (7826 words, 1 hour, 18 min)
 - Physician certification of coverage (1264 words, 12 min)
 - Coverage determinations (886 words, 8 min)
 - Beneficiary notifications (325 words, 3 min)
 - Introduction to PDPM (6141 words, 1 hour, 1 min)
 - Calculating a PDPM payment rate (654 words, 6 min)
 - PDPM Assessment Schedules (1861 words, 18 min)
 - Interrupted stay policy (374 words, 3 min)
 - Therapists role in triple check (2226 words, 22 min)
 - The Part A bill (2137 words, 21 min)
 - Clinical collaboration meetings (1174 words, 11 min)

- Understanding How Therapy Documentation Supports MDS Coding Requirements –
(total words for chapter 20,138, 3hr, 21min)
 - Accurate coding of assessments (445 words, 4 min)
 - Assessment reference date and look-back periods (1045 words, 10 min)
 - Supporting documentation (900 words, 9 min)
 - MDS coding instructions and potential therapy collaboration (96 words, 1 min)
 - MDS scripted interviews (1442 words, 14 min)
 - MDS items therapists need to know about (16210 words, 2 hours, 42 min)

- Pulling it All Together: Therapy and Clinical Outcomes –
(total words for chapter 7789, 1 hr, 17 min)
 - Reimbursement and the MDS 3.0: An Interdisciplinary Effort (757 words, 7 min)
 - The role of the speech language pathologist (389 words, 3 min)
 - The role of the occupational therapist (630 words, 6 min)
 - The role of the physical therapist (334 words, 3 min)
 - Perils and Pitfalls of the MDS Process and PPS Billing (992 words, 9 min)
 - Five key areas of impact (2254 words, 22 min)
 - Therapy documentation case study (2433 words, 24 min)

Who Developed This Program

AAPACN brought together the MDS and RAI process nursing experts at AANAC and the therapy clinical, quality, and documentation experts at Aegis Therapies to develop this comprehensive certificate program.

Presenters

Jessie McGill, RN, RAC-MTA, RAC-CTA - Jessie is a curriculum development specialist for AANAC. Previously she worked as the director of clinical reimbursement for a large long-term care organization overseeing 17 clinical reimbursement consultants across 21 states, including nearly 300 living centers. She has more than 19 years of long-term care experience, including as restorative nurse, MDS coordinator, regional clinical reimbursement specialist, clinical reimbursement trainer, and director of clinical reimbursement. Jessie is passionate about developing the skills of nurse assessment coordinators, working in restorative nursing, and improving residents' quality of life and care. Jessie McGill, RN, RAC-MTA, RAC-CTA is a salaried employee of AANAC. She has no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

Bill Goulding - Bill Goulding, MS/CCC-SLP, RAC-CT, is Lead Post-Acute Healthcare Consultant for Post-Acute Care Solutions (PACS), based in Frisco, TX. He serves as the primary contact for clients in SNF, CCRC, Home Health and other PAC settings. His primary focus is to assist with the management of clinical practices and quality measures and their impact on reimbursement. Originally trained as a speech language pathologist, Bill has over 35 years of experience in the PAC marketplace in operations management, consulting, clinical support and strategic planning roles. Bill Goulding, MS/CCC-SLP, RAC-CT is a salaried employee of Aegis Therapies. He has no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

Barb Christensen - Barb Christensen, OTR, QCP, RAC-CT, is an Occupational Therapist with over 35 years of experience serving the needs of seniors. She is currently the National Director of Audits and Investigations with Aegis Therapies. In this role, she oversees quality and compliance auditing on a national level. Her experience in long-term care includes as treating therapist, Rehab Manager, and Clinical Director. Barb Christensen, OTR, QCP, RAC-CT is a salaried employee of Aegis Therapies. She has no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

Jaclyn Warshauer - Jaclyn Warshauer, PT, CRC, is the National Director of Medical Review and Quality Services at Aegis Therapies and is a certified coder. At Aegis Therapies she monitors and trains on regulatory affairs, trains therapists on conducting documentation auditing, and is a resource regarding Medicare coverage, coding, and documentation requirements. Prior to employment with Aegis therapies, Jaclyn was a Medicare Medical Reviewer for 9 years with National Government Services, a Medicare MAC, and has served as a resource to CMS on subjects related to coverage and documentation of therapy services. Jaclyn has conducted many national teleconferences and seminars on Medicare coverage, ICD coding, documentation guidelines, and auditing for rehabilitation services. Jaclyn Warshauer, PT, CRC is a salaried employee of Aegis Therapies. She has no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

Jessica Pranke - Jessica Pranke, M.S. CCC-SLP, RAC-CT, is a Clinical Practice Specialist for Aegis Therapies in Florida. She graduated from University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders and from University of South Florida with a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology. Since 2004, working with Aegis Therapies, she has served in both operational and clinical roles. Jessica is passionate about providing education in the areas of neurocognitive impairments, the Patient Driven Payment Model, and interdisciplinary team collaboration. Jessica Pranke, M.S. CCC-SLP, RAC-CT, is a salaried employee of Aegis Therapies. She has no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

Kym Mavronicles - Kym Mavronicles, B.S., PTA, QCP, RAC-CT, DCS, SOLC, is an Area Vice President for Aegis Therapies in Indiana. She graduated from Indiana University-Indianapolis with a Bachelor of Science in Health Service Management and from the University of Indianapolis with an Associate of Science in Physical Therapy Assisting. She also holds advanced certifications in Strategic Organizational Leadership and Lean Six Sigma. At Aegis Therapies, she engages in strategic planning, market development, new service initiatives, financial analysis, and fiscal management. She is passionate in developing and implementing standard practices and procedures to effect dramatic improvements in efficiency, productivity, clinical care and business processes. Kym Mavronicles, B.S., PTA, QCP, RAC-CT, DCS, SOLC is a salaried employee of Aegis Therapies. She has no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

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