

# SNF Leaders

## Here's Your PDPM "To-Do" Checklist



With ~8 months to go, ask yourself: Are you on track for the transition to PDPM? Do you have the right therapy partner? This PDPM "To-Do" Checklist offers direction:

### TODAY: PDPM "To-Do" Checklist

- First, gauge my post-PDPM performance based on a ["Crosswalk" of my current MDS](#)
- Lock in an [Education Calendar](#) for me and my staff
- Talk to my therapy provider about [pricing strategies](#)
- Work with my EMR vendor about [EMR system readiness](#)
- [Evaluate my team's readiness to take on ICD10 coding changes](#)
- Initiate culture change for my interdisciplinary clinical teams (especially Nursing!)
- Decide: Should I explore key strategic partners, such as therapy, to ensure optimal preparation for and transition to PDPM?
- Seek out [expert guidance](#) on PDPM strategy, training, and execution on key PDPM success drivers

### Timing is Everything

When it comes to tackling your PDPM "To-Do" List, SNF leaders who choose to implement PDPM strategies, education, and cultural change now will be better positioned come October 1. However, those leaders who wait will likely find themselves ineffectively cramming all the *very necessary* fiscal, clinical, operational, and compliance initiatives into an impossibly short time frame. This is not the time to procrastinate! PDPM is too important and requires significant changes across many areas. Consider, too, the compounding stress of also having to simultaneously coordinate many other success drivers and mandates (e.g. VBP, CMI, Medicare Advantage, QRP, QMs RoPs, surveys, etc.)

*Bottom line: Providers choosing to wait too long may be at risk for unwanted frustration, expense, and failure to align with PDPM success drivers.*

A similar sense of urgency applies to decisions regarding your therapy provider. Have you already wondered or determined whether your current therapy partner can meet your needs or is ill-prepared for PDPM? Has your current therapy partner provided valuable insights into strategies for PDPM success to date? (NOTE: HealthPRO® Heritage has been delivering education/training sessions, reviewing facility Impact Files/Crosswalk Modelers, and discussing options for PDPM contract/pricing for many months.) If you're not 100% confident in your current therapy provider's capabilities or plans, it may be advisable to solicit bids to engage in a new therapy partnership. While the clock is ticking, HealthPRO® Heritage is well-prepared to support your approach to prepping for PDPM – even as we near the "go live" date. *Bottom line: It's better to make a change now (rather than wait until after PDPM) to secure the more forward-thinking partner who is unquestionably capable of safeguarding your success.*

## Who Can You Count On to Guide Your Team Through the PDPM Transition?

Many SNF leaders like you have placed their trust in HealthPRO® Heritage's [Clinical Strategies Division](#) for help with their PDPM "To-Do" List. This specialized group of forward-thinking healthcare reform experts are ready to train your interdisciplinary team and leverage your facilities' opportunities before, during and after this important game-changing transition. Support is customized, comprehensive and assures success every step of the way...at all levels...and for every discipline. No stone is left unturned. Tangible support includes:

- Overhauling admission processes
- (Re)Design of nursing and physician documentation practices
- Education on high level and detailed strategy & implementation for PDPM success
- Support for coders, physicians, nursing, social service, billing, MDS, dietary, therapy RE: PDPM core competencies
- Preparing your EMRs for the go-live October 1 transition
- Change. Change. Change.