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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform nursing facility providers that Colorado will not require an Optional State Assessment (OSA) for Minimum Data Set (MDS) evaluations at this time.

Information:

On October 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin its new case-mix classification system, the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM). This is intended to replace the Resource Utilization Group (RUG) classification currently used for Medicare payments. The RUG classification is also currently used for Medicaid rate setting in Colorado.

In April 2019, CMS announced that MDS assessments associated with the PDPM model will continue to support RUG classifications for at least 1 year to minimize disruptions to State Medicaid programs.

As a result, The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) has determined that no OSA will be needed for the purposes of rate setting in the immediate future. **At this time there will be no requirement for Colorado**

nursing facilities to complete an OSA. Nursing Facilities should continue to utilize the MDS OBRA schedule for Medicaid assessments.

The Department will continue to monitor developments from CMS regarding potential MDS changes in the future.

Attachment(s):

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/snfpps/pdpm.html>

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