



The Accounting Department



# News

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## Review Choice Demonstration for Home Health Services

### CMS reschedules next phase of Home Health Review Choice Demonstration(RCD)

To allow Home Health agencies to transition to the Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM), which becomes effective on January 1, 2020, CMS is rescheduling the implementation of the Home Health Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) for the remaining states of Texas, North Carolina, and Florida. The demonstration is expected to begin in Texas on **March 2, 2020**.

The choice selection period will begin on **January 15, 2020** and end on **February 13, 2020** for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) located in Texas, who submit claims to Palmetto GBA, the Jurisdiction M Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC).

HHAs should visit the Palmetto GBA provider portal for information and instructions on the RCD selection process. Through the portal, HHAs will be able to view the three initial review choices and make their selection. Palmetto GBA will also send letters to all Texas HHAs detailing this information. HHAs that do not make a choice selection by **February 13, 2020** will be automatically placed in Choice 2: Post payment Review.

Following the close of the choice selection period, the demonstration is expected to begin in Texas on **March 2, 2020**, and all periods of care starting on or after this date will be subject to the requirements of the choice selected.

Following the start of the demonstration in Texas, the demonstration is expected to begin in North Carolina and Florida on **May 4, 2020**. CMS will monitor the transition to PDGM and assess the need for any change to this date. With the transition to the PDGM, CMS will phase in the inclusion of Low Utilization Payment Adjustments (LUPAs) within the Review Choice Demonstration (RCD).

CMS will continue to post updated information at [cms.hhs.gov](https://cms.hhs.gov). Please send any questions to: [homehealthRCD@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:homehealthRCD@cms.hhs.gov).

Source: CMS

Medicare and TAD offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:  
Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

## New Medicare Card: HICN Claims Reject January 1, 2020

Starting January 1, you must use Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBI's) when billing Medicare regardless of the date of the service:

- We will reject claims submitted with HICNs with a few exceptions noted at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/index.html>
- We will reject all eligibility transactions submitted with Health Insurance Claim Numbers (HICNs)

To learn how to get and use MBIs see the MLN Matters Article at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE18006.pdf>

Source: MLN Matters



Visit us at [www.tad-usa.com](http://www.tad-usa.com) for helpful links to information you need to know for your agency!!!

### Highlights from the PDGM Final Rule effective January 1, 2020

- Episodes will be billed in two 30-day periods of care
- RAPs for agencies certified before January 1, 2019 will be paid at 20%
- RAPs for agencies certified on or after January 2, 2019, will pay at Zero
- 432 new case mix groups
- LUPA thresholds are variable from 2 to 6 visits, based on PDGM group

### TAD FREE LIVE and YOUTUBE WEBINARS

TAD Webinars include a variety of topics that will help agency owners and administrators keep current on the latest topics that impact Home Health Agencies.

The following Live Webinar will be held from 2-3pm EST is open for registration:  
**Accounting and Tax Issues for Home Health Agencies:** Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

You are also welcome to watch our pre-recorded YouTube Webinars at your convenience using the following link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=tad+the+accounting+department](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=tad+the+accounting+department)

For more information about these webinars, or to register, visit us at [www.tad-usa.com](http://www.tad-usa.com) and select "Free Webinars." Space will be limited, so please be sure to register early. Registration for webinars is only available on line. Please note that Webinars are scheduled based on the **Eastern** time zone. New webinars and dates will be posted regularly, so visit us often at [www.tad-usa.com](http://www.tad-usa.com). We hope you will join us!!!!

### **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT:**

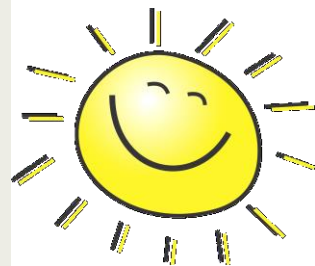
**"Every wall is a door."**

**- Albert Einstein**



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