



Transforming Dementia Care

The CMS GUIDE Program and Acclivity Health

In the ever-evolving landscape of healthcare, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continually introduces innovative payment models aimed at enhancing patient care while optimizing costs. One such model that has taken center stage is the CMS GUIDE (Geriatric and Dementia Care) payment model.

This nationwide, eight-year voluntary model is designed to attract Medicare Part-B enrolled providers and practitioners with the expertise and capabilities to establish Dementia Care Programs (DCPs). At the heart of this model is the Monthly Dementia Care Management Payment (DCMP). In this article, we will explore how Acclivity Health is empowering healthcare providers to navigate and excel in the CMS GUIDE payment model, with a specific focus on Dementia Care Management.

Understanding the CMS GUIDE Payment Model

The CMS GUIDE payment model is a visionary initiative that addresses the unique healthcare needs of an aging population, particularly those individuals living with dementia. This model encourages Medicare Part-B enrolled providers and practitioners to establish specialized Dementia Care Programs (DCPs) that offer comprehensive care and support. Key components of the CMS GUIDE payment model include:

Dementia Care Programs (DCPs): Providers and practitioners create DCPs tailored to meet the specific needs of individuals living with dementia. These programs aim to enhance the quality of life for dementia patients and their families.

Monthly Dementia Care Management Payment (DCMP): Under the CMS GUIDE model, providers and practitioners receive a Monthly Dementia Care Management Payment (DCMP) designed to support dementia care management services. This payment serves as an incentive to deliver patient-centered and comprehensive care.

Quality Measures: Providers participating in the CMS GUIDE model are expected to meet specific quality benchmarks related to dementia care, including care coordination, caregiver support, and patient outcomes.

How Acclivity Supports the CMS GUIDE Payment Model

Acclivity Health plays a pivotal role in helping healthcare providers navigate and succeed within the CMS GUIDE payment model, particularly in the realm of Dementia Care Management. Here's how Acclivity's solutions empower providers:

- ① **Comprehensive Data Integration:** Acclivity's platform seamlessly integrates patient data, ensuring that providers have a holistic view of a patient's medical history, cognitive status, and care preferences. This integrated data enables the development of personalized dementia care plans.
- ② **Enhanced Care Coordination:** Dementia care often involves multiple providers, specialists, and caregivers. Acclivity's platform streamlines care coordination, enabling efficient communication among healthcare team members, caregivers, and patients.
- ③ **Optimizing Monthly DCMP:** Acclivity assists providers in optimizing their Monthly Dementia Care Management Payments (DCMP) by ensuring accurate documentation, adherence to care plans, and quality reporting, ultimately maximizing financial incentives.
- ④ **Patient & Caregiver Support:** Dementia care extends beyond medical treatment; it also encompasses emotional and practical support for patients and their caregivers. Acclivity's platform includes tools for patient and caregiver education, support, and engagement.
- ⑤ **Streamlined Quality Reporting:** Meeting quality measures is paramount in the CMS GUIDE payment model. Acclivity automates quality data collection and reporting, enabling providers to demonstrate their commitment to delivering high-quality dementia care.
- ⑥ **Telehealth Integration:** In today's healthcare landscape, telehealth has become indispensable. Acclivity seamlessly integrates telehealth solutions, facilitating remote monitoring, consultations, and caregiver support, especially beneficial for dementia patients and their families.
- ⑦ **Education & Training:** Acclivity provides educational resources and training modules for healthcare providers and practitioners, ensuring they possess the knowledge and skills required to excel in dementia care.

The **CMS GUIDE payment model** represents a forward-thinking approach to addressing the healthcare needs of individuals living with dementia. Acclivity, with its comprehensive data integration, care coordination, Monthly DCMP optimization, patient and caregiver support, streamlined quality reporting, telehealth integration, and educational resources, serves as a trusted ally for healthcare providers seeking success in this model. As healthcare continues to evolve, solutions like ours are pivotal in ensuring that dementia patients receive the high-quality, patient-centered care they deserve, leading to better outcomes and a brighter future.

To learn more about how you can succeed and thrive with Acclivity Health, please contact us at **904 562 1368** or email hospice.palliative@acclivityhealth.com.