

## January Spotlight Product



# “Speech Therapy Poised to Take Center Stage in Skilled Nursing Under PDPM”

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” Among the potential upsides and pitfalls under the new Medicare payment system for skilled nursing facilities, one specialty comes up consistently as an area of great opportunity: speech therapy.

When the new Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) takes effect next October, speech therapy will play a greater role in a resident’s overall care plan than under the current Resource Utilization Group (RUG) system, several third-party therapy providers told Skilled Nursing News. Even as operators no longer have a financial incentive to log as many therapy hours as possible, speech services — along with physical and occupational therapy — will have a direct impact on how skilled nursing providers can prove solid outcomes and maximize their total reimbursements.”

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