Skilled Nursing Prospective Payment System (PPS) to PDPM Payment Model Transition:

The Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM), is effective October 1, 2019, and all scheduled PPS assessments (except the 5-day) and all current unscheduled PPS assessments will be retired.

There is no transition period between RUG-IV and PDPM. To receive a PDPM HIPPS code that can be used for billing beginning October 1, 2019, all providers will be required to complete an Interim Payment Assessment (IPA) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) no later than October 7, 2019 for all SNF Part A patients.

AlohaCare will adopt the new SNF PDPM case-mix payment methodology effective October 1, 2019 for reimbursement of Medicare services. For resources such as fact sheets, FAQ’s and training resources please visit:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM.html

Home Health Prospective Payment System (PPS) to PDGM Payment Model Transition:
The current case-mix adjustment methodology, for home health services is being revised beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

This proposed rule would update the home health prospective payment system (HH PPS) payment rates, and implement the Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM). This new case-mix model shifts the focus from volume of services to a more patient-driven model by using timing, admission source, principal and other diagnoses, and functional impairment to case-mix adjust payments.

There was also a finalized change in the unit of home health payment from 60-day episodes of care to 30-day periods of care, and eliminated the use of therapy thresholds used to adjust payments.

AlohaCare will adopt the new HH PDGM case-mix payment methodology beginning on or after January 1, 2020 for reimbursement of Medicare services. For resources please visit:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-payment/HomeHealthPPS/index.html
https://federalregister.gov/d/2019-14913