

IPA Forecast

The IPA, or Interim Payment Assessment, is a new assessment type that goes into effect on October 1, 2019. Its purpose is to adjust the payment level for Medicare A residents. The assessment is completely optional and is, therefore, presumably only completed when payment will increase.

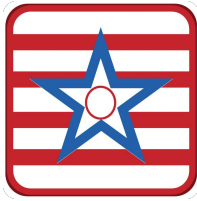
The purpose of the IPA Forecast feature is to make it easy for MDS Coordinators to review resident data to determine who might qualify for an IPA.

Although there are many things that go into calculation of the PDPM Components, the most changeable items are the function scores. The IPA Forecast tool, therefore, compiles Functional Score data across the Medicare A population to provide an overview and a clear picture of residents for whom the functional score has changed. The Forecaster displays the residents' therapy and nursing function score for each day in the selected date range, based on caregiver documentation.

- Data may be collected from therapy documentation, nurses notes, or CNA Flowsheet charting.
- **Data is collected based upon the MDS "Collect" setups for section GG. This is the same setup that provides the "blue highlights" for supported answers on the MDS. This setup can be found at American Data – ECS > Setup > MDS 3.0 > Questions > Input tab for v3.0**

Using the IPA Forecast Tool

1. Select American Data – ECS > View > IPA Forecast. The resident list will be displayed.
2. Users may select all residents or a specific selection. Click OK.
3. The Forecast tool will display an MDS Selection Screen that has filtered through the selected names as follows:
 - a. Of the highlighted names, those without a 5 - Day assessment or an IPA completed in the past 100 days are excluded.
 - b. The 5 - Day or IPA assessments must have target dates of 10/01/19 or later.
 - c. The 5 - Day or IPA assessment must have a PDPM score.
 - d. Of the remaining names, only the most recent IPA or 5 - Day is displayed for each resident.
4. Select the desired resident/MDS combinations to view functions score changes.
5. In the Period area, select the date range desired for data collection, and click OK.
6. The IPA Forecast tool will display. Each resident will be displayed, with the Therapy Function Score and Nursing Function Score for each date in the selected period.
7. Legends on the right side display the therapy and nursing functional score categories used in PDPM Component Calculation. If a functional score for a given day jumps to a category that, compared to the last MDS Assessment, increases the CMI/rate, the score will be highlighted in blue. This indicates that, based on the function score, an IPA should be considered.



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Integrating the IPA Forecast Tool into MDS Workflow

1. What makes IPA Forecast valuable? The IDT team, typically, is aware of improvement and declines in resident ability and performance. The value of the IPA Forecaster lies in its ability to indicate when the Function Scores have crossed a threshold into another CMI/payment category compared to the previous MDS.
2. Determine whose responsibility it will be to run the IPA Forecast Tool. The MDS Coordinator? The Medicare team?
3. How often will the tool be run? Running the tool as a part of the daily Medicare meeting is ideal, as well as efficient.

List of resident with a PPS 5 Day or IPA assessment in the past 100 days.

Target Date Range - Function scores will be calculated for each date in the range.

Client	MDS Type	Status	Compl. Date	Target Date	V Req	V Done
Adams, Suzanne C	Not OBRA - IPA	Completed	12/05/2019	12/01/2019	No	
Zeik, Sharon B	Not OBRA - 5 day	Completed	10/13/2019	10/12/2019	No	
Spears, Britney	Correction Not OBRA - IPA	Completed	10/13/2019	10/07/2019	No	

Select All

Date Selection: 07/11/2019 through 07/15/2019

3 MDSs

OK Cancel

		MDS	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18
Adams, Suzanne C	PT/OT Function Score	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Nursing Function Score	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Jefferson, Thomas	PT/OT Function Score	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
	Nursing Function Score	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Spears, Britney	PT/OT Function Score	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
	Nursing Function Score	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Zeik, Sharon B	PT/OT Function Score	7	7	7	12	18	18	18	18
	Nursing Function Score	2	2	2	8	12	12	12	12
Zibel, Brooke E	PT/OT Function Score	15	15	15	15	15	24	24	24
	Nursing Function Score	9	9	9	9	9	16	16	16

Names(s)

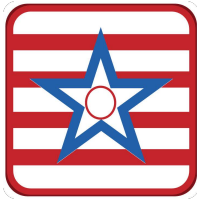
Control

Close

PT/OT Function Score Groups:
0-5
6-9
10-23
24

Nursing Function Score Groups:
0-5
6-14
15-16

CMI Increase
 CMI Change



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User Security

Your system supervisor will need to adjust User Group rights to provide access to these three new features. The rights can be found in the following location:

1. American Data – ECS > Setup > Security > User Group
2. Double click on the User Group you wish to adjust to display the group properties.
3. The Rights Tree will appear. Open the tree as directed below to adjust the rights. Single Click on a right to change the rights.
 - a. IPA Forecast: View > IPA Forecast
4. Click OK to save changes and close the group properties.

