

Interim Payment Assessment (IPA) Tools

IPA

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

IPA Predictor

The purpose of the IPA Predictor is to provide clinical decision support for IPA completion. If facilities suspect an IPA should be completed based on resident information or IPA Forecast results, the IPA Predictor will provide precise feedback on whether, and how much, the facility will benefit, both regarding CMI and dollars.

Using the IPA Predictor Tool

1. Select **American Data - ECS > Write > MDS 3.0 > IPA Predictor** or click onto the button from the Access screen for **IPA Predictor**. The client list will be displayed.
2. Select the desired resident to calculate CMI and rate changes for and click **OK**.
3. A virtual IPA assessment displays, with responses from the most recent PPS 5 - Day or IPA. Changes may be made to any portion of this assessment, although sections cannot be signed.
4. The **PDPM Comparison Panel** is displayed across the bottom or right-hand side of the screen. This panel tracks changes as they are made on the assessment and calculates CMI and rate adjustments. The user can immediately see how changes that are made impact the components and the overall rate.
5. The panel will let you know whether the IPA should be completed or not.
 - a. To proceed with the IPA, select the **Create IPA** button at the bottom of the screen. The assessment will be added to the resident's assessment list, and sections may now be signed. Complete the assessment as usual.
 - b. To close the IPA Predictor without creating the IPA, click **Close**.

	Previous Assessment	Predicted IPA	Difference PPD					
PDPM Score	KFXE1	IFED0						
Target Date	--	05/11/2020						
Day of Stay		105						
Base Rate		\$88.93						
Total Rate on target date	\$482.23	\$553.45		\$71.22				
Detail	Adj. Fac.	CMI	Code	Rate	CMI	Code	Rate	Difference
PT	0.76	1.52	TK	\$73.65	1.13	TI	\$54.76	\$-24.86
OT	0.76	1.54	TK	\$68.53	1.17	TI	\$52.51	\$-21.08
SLP	1.00	2.97	SF	\$78.37	2.97	SF	\$78.37	\$0.00
Nursing	1.00	1.13	PBC1	\$105.28	1.99	HDE1	\$185.40	\$80.12
NTA	1.00	0.96	NE	\$67.47	1.34	ND	\$93.48	\$26.01

Benefits of the IPA Predictor

- Provides instant feedback on changes in resident condition.
- Saves significant time determining whether an IPA should be completed or not.
- Provides certainty that IPA completion will result in increased revenues.

IPA Forecast

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 functional scores. The IPA Forecast tool compiles Functional Score data across the Medicare A population to provide a clear picture and overview 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.

Using the IPA Forecast Tool

1. Select **American Data - ECS > View > IPA Forecast** or click onto the **IPA Forecast** button on the Access menu. 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. 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. This indicates that, based on the function score, an IPA should be considered if the score is highlighted with a green or yellow color.

Integrating the IPA Forecast into the MDS Workflow

1. Why? 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.

- Determine whose responsibility it will be to run the IPA Forecast Tool. The MDS Coordinator? The Medicare teams?
- How often will the tool be run? Running the tool as a part of the daily Medicare update is ideal, as well as efficient.
- Consider incorporating the IPA Forecast tool into your IPA policy.

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

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	

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

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

OK Cancel

3 MDSs

		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
Zitel, Brooke E	PT/OT Function Score	15	15	15	15	15	14	14	14
	Nursing Function Score	9	9	9	9	9	16	16	16

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