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6	6.3	6-5	— difficulty in making self understood, short term memory, or decision making ( <del>score on the Cognitive Performance Scale <math>\geq 3</math></del> ),
6	6.4	6-7	The first digit of the AI code identifies scheduled PPS assessments that establish the RUG payment rate for the standard PPS scheduled payment periods. These assessments are PPS 5-day, 14-day, 30-day, 60-day, and 90-day, <del>and readmission/return</del> . The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA 1987) required assessments are also included, because they can be used under certain circumstances for payment (see Section 6.8). Table 2 displays the first AI
6	6.4	6-8	PPS 5-day <del>or readmission/return (5d-or-readm)</del>
6	6.4	6-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAMPLE 5. The End of Therapy OMRA assessment is performed with an ARD on Day 25 since therapy ended on Day 24. The PPS 30-day assessment is then performed with ARD on Day 28 to establish a Medicare RUG for the Day 31 to Day 60 payment period. The Medicare Non-Therapy RUG (Z0150A) from the End of Therapy OMRA is billed for the remainder of the current payment period, Day 25 through Day 30. The Medicare <b>Non-Therapy</b> RUG (Z0150A) from the 30-day assessment is then billed for the next payment period, Day 31 through Day 60. The Non-Therapy RUG from the 30-day assessment is used since all therapy has previously ended. The normal Medicare RUG (Z0100A) should not be used since it may contain a Rehabilitation Plus Extensive or Rehabilitation group RUG, because the 7-day reference period extends back before therapy had ended.</li> </ul>
6	6.4	6-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAMPLE 6. The End of Therapy OMRA has an ARD on Day 26 with the last day of therapy being Day 24. The PPS 30-Day assessment is then performed with an ARD on Day 27 (the first day of the ARD window) to establish payment with the Medicare RUG (Z0100A) for Days 31-60. Therapy then resumes at the prior level and the EOT-R items (O0450A; and O0450B) indicate a resumption of therapy date of Day 28. The EOT OMRA would establish payment at a Medicare Non-Therapy RUG (Z0150A) for Days 25-27 and Resumption of Therapy reporting would reestablish payment from Day 28 through Day 30 (the end of the payment period) at the same Medicare RUG (Z0100A) provided on the resident's most recent PPS assessment used to establish payment prior to Day 25. The PPS 30-day assessment would then set the payment at the Medicare RUG (Z0100A) for the standard Day 31 to 60 payment period.</li> </ul>
6	6.4	6-12	7. In all cases where an EOT-R would be completed, the resident must resume therapy at the same RUG-IV therapy level as had been in effect prior to the break in therapy. However, it is

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			<p>possible that the ARD for an EOT OMRA reporting resumption may be set for the first grace day of the allowable grace days for a scheduled PPS assessment, while the ARD for the scheduled assessment was set for a day within the normal ARD window. In this limited subset of cases, the resumption of therapy should occur using the previous RUG-IV therapy level (which should be the same as the therapy level determined on the scheduled PPS assessment if the resumption is appropriate) but using the Activities of Daily Living (ADL) score from the most recent PPS assessment. Consider the following example.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAMPLE 7. A resident, Mr. P, is admitted on 10/01/11. The ARD of the 5-day assessment for Mr. P is set for 10/07/11 (Day 7) and the RUG assigned to Mr. P is RVB. The ARD of the 14-day assessment is set for 10/14/11 (Day 14) and the RUG assigned to Mr. P is again RVB. The ARD of the 30-day assessment is set for 10/28/11 (Day 28) and the RUG assigned to Mr. P is now RVA. Due to an acute illness, Mr. P is unable to receive therapy services from 10/29/11 through 10/31/11, but is expected to resume therapy on 11/2/11 under the same therapy regimen. The facility completes an EOT for Mr. P with an ARD of 10/31/11 and reports that the resumption of therapy will occur on 11/2/11. The EOT OMRA assigns Mr. P a non-therapy RUG of CE2. Mr. P is discharged from the facility on 11/12/11.</li> </ul> <p>In the case described above, assuming no intervening assessments were necessary, the facility would bill in the following manner. Days 1-14 would be billed under HIPPS code RVB10. Days 15-28 would be billed under HIPPS code RVB20. Days 29-32 would be billed under HIPPS code CE20A. Days 33-41 would be billed under HIPPS code RVA0A.</p> <p>This represents the one and only occasion where the three character RUG-IV therapy RUG code may differ from that which was billed prior to the break in therapy, and the difference may only be in the third character in the therapy RUG code related to the resident's ADL score.</p>
6	6.4	6-13 & 6-14	<p>7.8. Example 7<sup>8</sup> presents a case where a Change of Therapy OMRA is performed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAMPLE 7<sup>8</sup>. The 30-day assessment is performed with the ARD on Day 30, and the provision of therapy services are evaluated on Day 37. It is determined that the therapy services provided were reflective of the RUG-IV</li> </ul>

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			<p>classification category on the most recent PPS assessment and therefore, no Change of Therapy OMRA is performed with an ARD set for Day 37. When the provision of therapy services are next evaluated on Day 44, it is determined that a different Rehabilitation category results and a Change of Therapy OMRA is performed with an ARD set for Day 44. The Change of Therapy OMRA will change the RUG payment beginning on Day 38 (the first day of the COT observation period). The Change of Therapy OMRA evaluation process then restarts with this Change of Therapy OMRA.</p> <p>8-9. If a new PPS assessment used for payment occurs with an ARD set for on or prior to the last day of a COT observation period, then a Change of Therapy OMRA is not required for that observation period. Example 89 illustrates this case.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAMPLE 89. An SCSA is performed with an ARD of Day 10. An evaluation for the Change of Therapy OMRA would occur on Day 17 but the 14-Day assessment intervenes with ARD on Day 15. A Change of Therapy OMRA is not performed with an ARD on Day 17. Rather, the COT OMRA evaluation process is restarted with the 14-day assessment with ARD on Day 15. Day 1 of the next COT observation period is Day 16 and the new COT OMRA evaluation would be done on Day 22.</li> </ul> <p>9-10. Example 910 illustrates that the COT OMRA evaluation process ends when all rehabilitation therapy ends before the end of a COT observation period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAMPLE 910. The 14-Day assessment is performed with the ARD on Day 14. The first COT OMRA evaluation would normally happen on Day 21. However, all therapy ends on Day 20. The ARD for an EOT OMRA is set for Day 21 to reflect the discontinuation of therapy services. No Change of Therapy OMRA is performed with an ARD on Day 21 and the change of therapy evaluation process is discontinued.</li> </ul>
6	6.4	6-15	Page number change.
6	6.4	6-16	Page number change.
6	6.4	6-17	Page number change.
6	6.4	6-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that a Change in Therapy OMRA cannot be combined with a 5-day PPS or readmission/return assessment.</li> </ul>
6	6.4	6-19	<p>1. <b>The assessment must be a Start of Therapy OMRA (A0310C = 1).</b> This assessment may be performed alone or combined with any OBRA assessment or combined with a PPS 5-day or readmission/return assessment. The Start of Therapy OMRA</p>

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			<p>may not be combined with a PPS 14-day, 30-day, 60-day, or 90-day assessment. The Start of Therapy OMRA should also be combined with a discharge assessment when the end of Part A stay is the result of discharge from the facility, but not combined with a discharge if the resident dies in the facility or is transferred to another payer source in the facility.</p> <p>2. <b>A PPS 5-day (A0310B = 01) or readmission/return assessment (A0310B = 06) has been performed.</b> The PPS 5-day or readmission/return assessment may be performed alone or combined with the Start of Therapy OMRA.</p>
6	6.4	6-20	<p>If all eight of these conditions are met, then MDS Item Z0100C (Medicare Short Stay Assessment indicator) is coded “Yes.” The assignment of the RUG-IV rehabilitation therapy classification is calculated based on average daily minutes actually provided (when there is a fraction, the total therapy minutes is not rounded and only the whole number is used), and the resulting RUG-IV group is recorded in MDS Item Z0100A (Medicare Part A HIPPS Code).</p>
6	6.4	6-21	<p>Edited image.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>ARD Requirements:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Must be Day 8 or earlier of Part A stay</li> <li>4. Must be last day of Part A stay (see Item 2400 <b>A2400C</b> instructions)</li> <li>5. Must be no more than 3 days after the start of therapy, not including the start of therapy date</li> </ol> </div>
6	6.4	6-22	<p>a. If a 5-day or readmission/return assessment was completed prior to Medicare Short Stay assessment, use the Medicare Part A RUG (Z0100A) from that assessment for the first day of the short stay through the day before therapy started; then use the Medicare Part A RUG (Z0100A) from the Medicare Short Stay assessment from the day therapy started through the end of the short stay; or</p> <p>b. If the Start of Therapy OMRA is combined with a 5-day or readmission/return assessment, use the Medicare Part A non-therapy RUG (Z0150A) for the first day of the short stay through the day before therapy started; then use the Medicare Part A RUG (Z0100A) from the day therapy started through the end of the short stay.</p>
6	-	6-23 through 6-27	Page number change.

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6	6.6	6-28	<b><u>Total Rehabilitation Therapy Minutes Calculation Example</u></b> Mrs. D., whose stay is covered under SNF PPS, received the following rehabilitation services during FY2012 ( <del>group therapy time is allocated</del> ) as follows:
6	-	6-29	Page number change.
6	6.6	6-30	1. <b>The assessment must be a Start of Therapy OMRA (Item A0310C = 1).</b> This assessment may be performed alone or combined with any OBRA assessment or combined with a PPS 5-day <del>or readmission/return</del> assessment. The Start of Therapy OMRA may not be combined with a PPS 14-day, 30-day, 60-day, or 90-day assessment. The Start of Therapy OMRA should also be combined with a discharge assessment when the end of Part A stay is the result of discharge from the facility, but should not be combined with a discharge if the resident dies in the facility or is transferred to another payer source in the facility. 2. <b>A PPS 5-day (Item A0310B = 01)-<del>or readmission/return</del> assessment (A0310B = 06) has been performed.</b> The PPS 5-day <del>or readmission/return</del> assessment may be performed alone or combined with the Start of Therapy OMRA.
6	-	6-31	Page number change.
6	-	6-32	Page number change.
6	6.6	6-33	At least 5 distinct calendar days of any combination of the three disciplines ( <del>O0400A4 plus O0400B4 plus O0400C4</del> <b>as documented in O0420</b> )
6	6.6	6-34	At least 3 distinct calendar days of any combination of the <del>3</del> <b>three</b> disciplines ( <del>O0400A4, plus O0400B4 plus O0400C4</del> <b>as documented in O0420</b> )
6	-	6-35	Page number change.
6	6.6	6-36	At least 5 distinct calendar days of any combination of the three disciplines ( <del>O0400A4, plus O0400B4 plus O0400C4</del> <b>as documented in O0420</b> )
6	6.6	6-36	At least 3 distinct calendar days of any combination of the three disciplines ( <del>O0400A4 plus O0400B4 plus O0400C4</del> <b>as documented in O0420</b> )
6	-	6-37 through 6-39	Page number change.
6	6.6	6-40	Evaluate for depression. Signs and symptoms of depression are used as a third-level split for the Special Care High category. Residents with signs and symptoms of depression are identified by the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> ) or the Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV <sup>®</sup> ). Instructions for completing the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> are in Chapter 3, Section D. <b>Refer to Appendix E for cases in which the PHQ-9<sup>®</sup> or (PHQ-9-OV<sup>®</sup>) is complete but all questions are not</b>

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6	6.6	6-41	M1200E Pressure ulcer care
6	6.6	6-42	<b>STEP # 3</b>  Evaluate for depression. Signs and symptoms of depression are used as a third-level split for the Special Care Low category. Residents with signs and symptoms of depression are identified by the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> ) or the Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV <sup>®</sup> ). Instructions for completing the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> are in Chapter 3, Section D. Refer to Appendix E for cases in which the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> or (PHQ-9-OV <sup>®</sup> ) is complete but all questions are not answered. The following items comprise the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> :
6	-	6-43	Page number change.
6	6.6	6-44	<b>STEP # 2</b>  Evaluate for depression. Signs and symptoms of depression are used as a third-level split for the Clinically Complex category. Residents with signs and symptoms of depression are <del>identified</del> identified by the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> ) or the Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV <sup>®</sup> ). Instructions for completing the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> are in Chapter 3, section D. Refer to Appendix E for cases in which the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> or (PHQ-9-OV <sup>®</sup> ) is complete but all questions are not answered. The following items comprise the PHQ-9 <sup>®</sup> :
6	-	6-45 through 6-56	Page number change.