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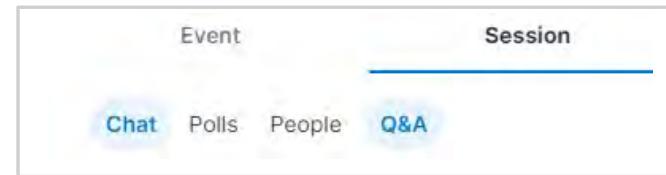
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PDPM Overview

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- Effective October 1, 2019, patients in Medicare Part-A covered SNF stays are classified under the SNF PPS using a new case-mix classification model called the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM).
- The Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) represented a marked improvement over RUG-IV for the following reasons:
 - Improved payment accuracy and appropriateness by focusing on the patient, rather than the volume of services provided.
 - Significantly reduced administrative burden on providers.
 - Re-allocated SNF payments to underserved beneficiaries without increasing total Medicare payments.

PDPM Overview

- On March 13, 2020, a national public health emergency (PHE) was declared in relation to COVID-19, which included several waivers related to a beneficiary's ability to access a Part A-covered SNF stay.
 - 3-day stay waiver: CMS waived the requirement for a 3-day prior inpatient hospitalization for coverage of a SNF stay, which provides temporary emergency coverage of SNF services without a qualifying hospital stay, for those people who experience dislocations, or are otherwise affected by COVID-19.
 - Wellness period waiver: For certain beneficiaries who recently exhausted their SNF benefits, it authorizes one-time renewed SNF coverage without first having to start a new benefit period.



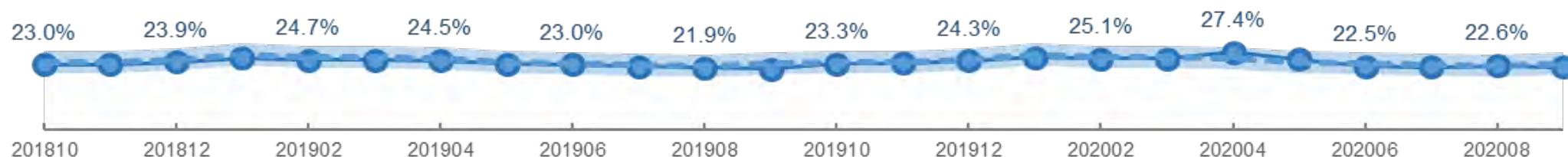
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- Since implementing PDPM, CMS has conducted comprehensive data monitoring and analysis to identify trends and changes in provider behavior and payments, as well as monitoring beneficiary care quality.
- To understand the impact of PDPM implementation on beneficiaries, facilities, and the SNF PPS generally, we compare data collected prior to PDPM implementation to data collected after PDPM implementation.
 - Despite the COVID-19 PHE and its impact on SNFs and their beneficiaries, we are able to identify a number of changes in reported SNF data that we believe clearly reflect the impacts of implementing PDPM, as well as clear impacts of the COVID-19 PHE.

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- Few metric exhibited no change between FY 2019 and FY 2020
 - Percentage of Stays with Oxygen Therapy

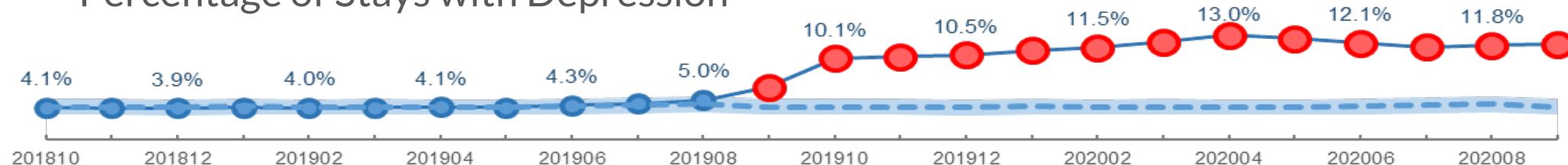


- Percentage of Stays with Dialysis

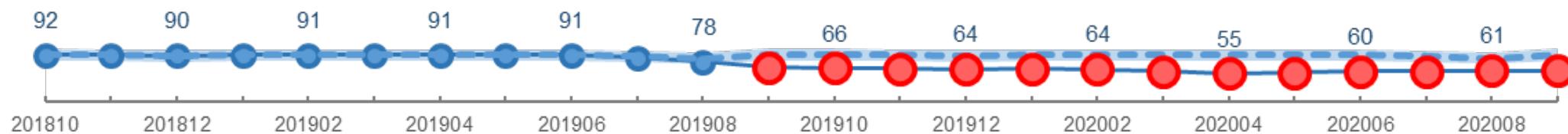


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- Some metrics exhibited clear changes, beginning just before or concurrent with PDPM implementation
 - Percentage of Stays with Depression

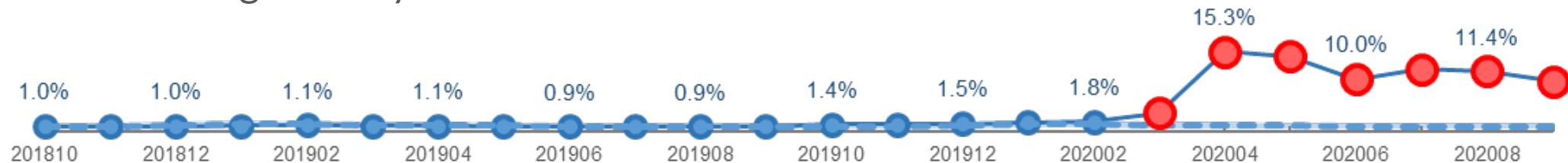


- Average Number of Therapy Minutes Per Day

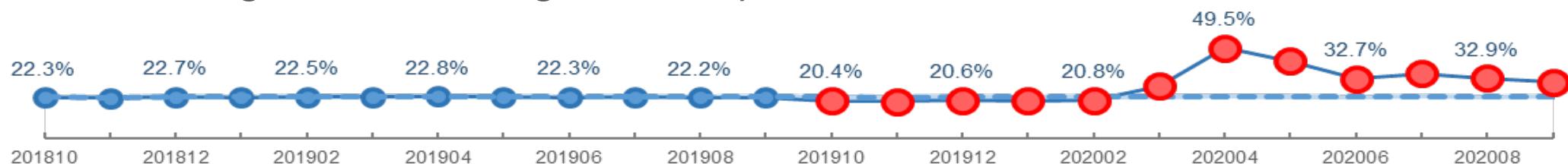


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- Some metrics exhibited clear changes, beginning just before or concurrent with the COVID-19 PHE
 - Percentage of Stays with Infection Isolation

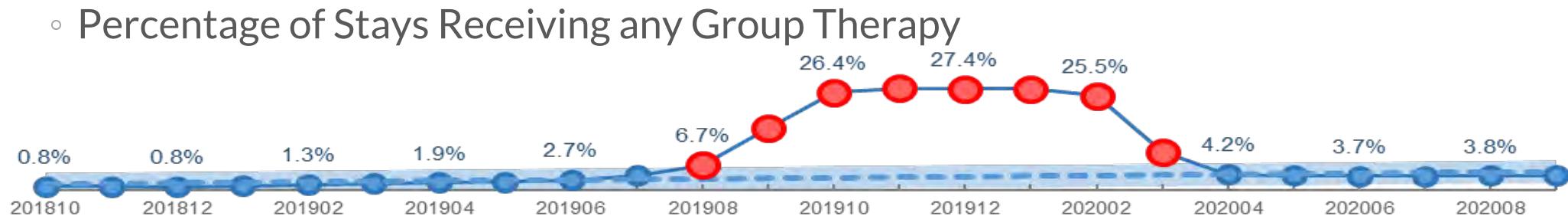


- Percentage of LTC Nursing Home Stays in SNF



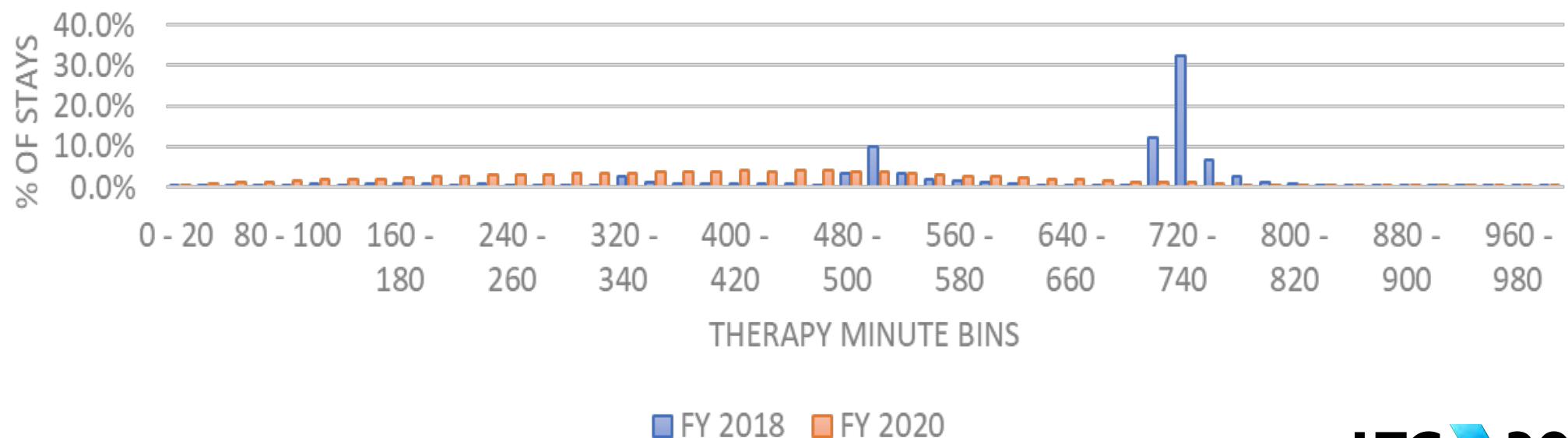
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- Some metrics exhibited changes concurrent with PDPM implementation and again at the outset of the COVID-19 PHE
 - Percentage of Stays Receiving any Concurrent Therapy



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- In some cases, understanding the impact of PDPM implementation can be done using a single metric.



Understanding the Impacts of PDPM

- Understanding the impacts of PDPM implementation is an integral part of ensuring the success of this new payment model and identifying opportunities for provider education and program improvements.
- As we look at data collected in FY 2021 and data to be collected in FY 2022 and beyond, we are interested to see what trends that began with PDPM implementation continue and reflect a new care paradigm for SNFs, as well as what changes prompted by the COVID-19 PHE may continue and influence this new care paradigm in the future.



Looking Ahead

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- We will continue monitoring all aspects of PDPM implementation to identify new trends and impacts.
 - We encourage stakeholders to provide feedback on any metrics or issues that you believe CMS should monitor or on which you would want CMS to release additional data.
- We will evaluate the extent to which changes in SNF care provision may prompt revisions in PDPM's overall structure, quality measurement, and program integrity efforts.

PDPM Resources

- SNF PPS Website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS>
- PDPM Website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM.html>
- For questions related to PDPM implementation and policy:
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