



Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators

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ON
BLAIR COUNTY
CONVENTION CENTER
JUNE 5 - 6, 2025

Schedule	Thursday June 5th, 2025 Every effort is made to start each session on time.
8:00am – 9:00 am	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION **NO EARLY REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
9:00 am – 9:15 am	BOARD WELCOME TO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES
9:15 am - 10:45 am	A PDPM Refresher— Component review Tracy Montag, RN, BSN, RAC-CTA, RAC-MT Dawn Leis, RAC-CTA, WTA, IP
10:45am – 11:00 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK
11: 00 am – 12:15 pm	5 star—Meet the new QMs (ADL decline, Walk 10 feet and Expected Discharge Function Score) Teresa Toth Tammy Smith
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	LUNCH BREAK Business Meeting and Buffet Lunch in Vendor Exhibit Area
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	VBP/QRP—What’s the Difference Joel Van Eaton, BSN, RN, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, MT, MTA
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK / VENDOR EXHIBITS
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Looking Ahead: What’s Next from CMS (10/1/25 MDS Changes) Joel Van Eaton, BSN, RN, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, MT, MTA
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<i>PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION</i> <i><u>With Vendors, Games and</u></i> <i><u>Door Prize Give-Aways</u></i>

Schedule	Friday June 6th, 2025 Every effort is made to start each session on time.
8:00am – 8:30 am	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION **NO EARLY REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

8:30 am - 10:00 am	<p align="center">PA Nursing PDPM Components A Deep Dive and Strategies for Supportive Documentation</p> <p align="center">Brian Stever, RN, BSN, RAC-CT</p>
10:00am – 10:30 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<p align="center">Success under PDPM: The Importance of the Partnership between the DON and MDS</p> <p align="center">Candace McMullen, RN, NHA, MHA, CLNC. CNDLTC Tammy Wiser</p>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK Buffet Lunch Vendor Exhibits
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<p align="center">A review of Managed Medicaid in PA/ CHC Incentive Payments</p> <p align="center">Rick Snyder</p>
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<p align="center">Updates from the OLTL—PA Case Mix goes PDPM</p> <p align="center">RuthAnn Bernard</p>
	<u>THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING and SAFE TRAVELS!!</u>

SESSION CONTENT

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A PDPM Refresher – Component Review

CMS rolled out this new payment model to SNFs on October 1st, 2019. Since then, the industry has navigated through a significant number of changes. This session will provide a review of each case-mix component of Patient Driven Payment Model.

Five-Star: Meet the New QMs

In January 2025, CMS released the Five-Star ratings utilizing the revised Quality Measures that were frozen since April 2024. This session will provide a thorough review of each of the new Quality Measures and tips to address each measure.

What can your QIO do for you?

During this session you will hear from a consultant from the Quality Improvement Organization and learn about the education and support that you can request and receive from your QIO to improve quality outcomes within your center.

VBP/QRP – What's the Difference?

Are you often lost in the alphabet of acronyms utilized in the MDS world? During this session, you will learn a high-level overview of the SNF Value Based Purchasing Program (VBP) as well as the SNF Quality Reporting Program, the difference between the programs and the impact each has on your center.

Looking Ahead: What's Next from CMS on 10/1/2025

As those in the industry have seen for some time, CMS will be releasing updates and revisions to the MDS that will be effective on 10/1/2025. New Social Determinants of Health, a new section on the MDS? During this session you will learn about the upcoming changes and revisions and what other changes may be coming.

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PA Nursing PDPM Components

CMS announced that states utilizing a RUG based system for Medicaid reimbursement would need to determine a new payment model as RUGs would no longer be supported beginning 10/1/2025. Pennsylvania is within a few months of this change. This session will be providing a deep dive into the Nursing PDPM component, which will be utilized for Pennsylvania Case Mix, as well as best practices for supportive documentation.

Success under PDPM – The importance of the Relationship between the DON and MDS

The MDS department is often the department that reviews chart documentation the most in a SNF. What that department seeing or not seeing can be valuable information for the DON. In this session we will discuss the importance of the relationship and partnership between the DON and MDS and how critical that partnership will be to the success of PDPM for Case mix.

What can your QIO do for you?

During this session you will hear from a consultant from the Quality Improvement Organization and learn about the education and support that you can request and receive from your QIO to improve quality outcomes within your center.

A Review of Managed Medicaid in PA/ CHC Incentive Payments

Confused by the Managed Medicaid system? Do you know how to handle a new admission under a Managed Medicaid payment model where the resident is receiving Medicaid benefits in the community? In this session, we will learn about the Managed Medicaid model in PA, how to manage the admission as well as CHC Incentive Payment Programs.

Updated from the OLTL – PA Case Mix goes PDPM

As we rapidly approach this transition in Pennsylvania, we have asked the Pennsylvania State Field Operations Supervisor to provide more information on this massive state change and how we can begin to prepare.

***Speaker bios will be provided closer to the conference date.

Who Should Attend

Assessment Coordinators, Administrators, Directors of Nursing, Social Service, Recreational Therapy, Dietary Staff, Rehabilitation Therapy, Clinical records, any individual involved or interested in the assessment process.

Conference Fees

Fees for the conference are as follows:

Thursday June 5 th (Day 1) ONLY	Members \$207.48	Nonmembers \$325
Friday June 6 th (Day 2) ONLY	Members \$207.48	Nonmembers \$325
June 5 th & June 6 th (Both days)	Members \$399	Nonmembers \$625

FOR THE MEMBERSHIP RATE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS IS UPDATED/CURRENT and you are logged into the website with your membership credentials.

Conference fees include refreshment breaks, lunch, access to the handouts, product giveaways and a special gift from the PANAC Board of Directors.

Payment can be made via PayPal on the PANAC website at www.paanac.net

Handouts

Handouts will NOT be provided to attendees at the conference. Handouts will be available online, at the website one week prior to the conference.

Conference Registration

Conference Registrations can be completed via the PANAC website at www.PAANAC.net by May 28th.

Cancellations

Cancellations received before May 28th are refundable, less a \$50 administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that date. NOTE: Registrations received but not attended without notice are not refundable. Substitute attendees are acceptable. For any questions, contact the PANAC Board via email at panacboard@gmail.com or via the website at www.paanac.net

COVID-19

For the 2025 conference, the PANAC Board would ask that you DO NOT ATTEND if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, such as head congestion, fever, cough, rhinitis, tiredness, body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea and/or diarrhea. We would also ask if any of the above symptoms develop while onsite, please notify conference staff and immediately leave the conference.

Please be honorable and forthright in your decision-making.

Conference Attire

Casual attire is appropriate for all education sessions and the President's Reception. Every effort is made to make the meeting rooms and surrounding halls comfortable; however, it is very difficult to regulate the temperature in the meeting rooms.

PLEASE LAYER YOUR CLOTHING TO BE PREPARED FOR WARM OR COOL TEMPERATURES

President's Reception

The President's reception will be held on June 5th at 5:00pm. We will be hosting a trivia event with prizes. Come meet your President, the Board of Directors and network with your colleagues. Refreshments will be served. Four prize items will be dispersed during the President's Reception.

President's/Exhibitor Hall

Vendor exhibits will be available in the President's Hall. Breaks and lunch will be provided in the vendor area. Please take this opportunity to support the vendors by visiting their area.

Raffle and Give Away

Raffles will be conducted throughout the program but in particular during the President's reception held in the President's Hall. Each participant will receive one raffle ticket for the general giveaways. In addition, the Board will be providing a give-away to each attendee. Participating vendors may also provide a giveaway.

Message Board

A message board will be available in the central area for attendees to contact each other. Job postings can also be placed on the Board.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS / CONTACT HOURS

This activity has been submitted to the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Association. The Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators Planning Committee has determined there are no conflicts of interest in the planning committee or the speaker in the presentation of this program.

Hotel Reservations

A limited number of rooms are available at the adjoining Country Inn & Suites by Radisson. The block of rooms reserved for PANAC attendees will be available until May 28th. Upon registration to the conference, you will receive a link to directly reserve your room with the hotel. Please note there are additional hotel accommodations in the area and close to the Convention Center.

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Convention Center Location

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