

Tool: Changes to PDGM functional points proposed for 2026

CMS proposed changes to the number of points assigned to the OASIS items that drive reimbursement in the Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM). See chart below for the proposed changes to the number of points that CMS will attach to these OASIS items in 2026. The numbers in parenthesis in the right column show the points that would be added or deleted to the corresponding OASIS items if finalized. (*HHL 7/14/25*)

Elements	Response values	Proposed points
M1033: Risk of Hospitalization	Three or fewer items marked (Excluding responses 8, 9 or 10)	0
	Four or more items marked (Excluding responses 8, 9 or 10)	12
M1800: Grooming	0 (Able to groom self unaided, with or without the use of assistive devices...)	0
	1 (Able to groom self unaided, with or without the use of assistive devices...)	0
	2 (Someone must assist the patient to groom self.)	3
	3 (Patient depends entirely upon someone else for grooming needs.)	3
M1810: Current Ability to Dress Upper Body	0 (Able to get clothes out of closets and drawers, put them on and remove them from the upper body...)	0
	1 (Able to dress upper body without assistance if clothing is laid out or handed to the patient.)	0
	2 (Able to dress upper body without assistance if clothing is laid out or handed to the patient.)	5
	3 (Patient depends entirely upon another person to dress the upper body.)	5
M1820: Current Ability to Dress Lower Body	0 (Able to obtain, put on and remove clothing and shoes without assistance.)	0
	1 (Able to dress lower body without assistance if clothing and shoes are laid out or handed to the patient.)	0
	2 (Someone must help the patient put on undergarments, slacks, socks or nylons, and shoes.)	4 (+1)
	3 (Patient depends entirely upon another person to dress lower body.)	12 (+1)
M1830: Bathing	0 (Able to bathe self in shower or tub independently, including getting in and out of tub/shower)	0
	1 (Able to bathe self in shower or tub independently, including getting in and out of tub/shower.)	0
	2 (Able to bathe self in shower or tub independently, including getting in and out of tub/shower...)	2 (-1)
	3 (Able to participate in bathing self in shower or tub, but requires presence of another person...)	10
	4 (Unable to use the shower or tub, but able to bathe self independently with or without the use of devices...)	10
	5 (Unable to use the shower or tub, but able to participate in bathing self in bed, at the sink, in bedside chair...)	17 (-1)
	6 (Unable to participate effectively in bathing and is bathed totally by another person..)	17 (-1)
M1840: Toilet Transferring	0 (Able to get to and from the toilet and transfer independently with or without a device.)	0
	1 (When reminded, assisted or supervised by another person, able to get to and from the toilet and transfer.)	0
	2 (Unable to get to and from the toilet but is able to use a bedside commode with or without assistance.)	6 (+1)
	3 (Unable to get to and from the toilet or bedside commode but is able to use a bedpan/urinal independently.)	6 (+1)
	4 (Is totally dependent in toileting.)	6 (+1)
M1850: Transferring	0 (Able to independently transfer.)	0
	1 (Able to transfer with minimal human assistance or with use of an assistive device.)	1
	2 (Able to bear weight and pivot during the transfer process but unable to transfer self.)	4
	3 (Unable to transfer self and is unable to bear weight or pivot when transferred by another person..)	4
	4 (Bedfast, unable to transfer but is able to turn and position self in bed..)	4
	5 (Bedfast, unable to transfer and is unable to turn and position self..)	4
M1860: Ambulation and Locomotion	0 (Able to independently walk on even and uneven surfaces and negotiate stairs with or without railings...)	0
	1 (With the use of a one-handed device —for example, cane, single crutch, hemi-walker...)	0
	2 (Requires use of a two-handed device — for example, walker or crutches — to walk alone on a level surface...)	5 (-1)
	3 (Able to walk only with the supervision or assistance of another person at all times.)	1 (-1)
	4 (Chairfast, unable to ambulate but is able to wheel self independently.)	20 (+2)
	5 (Chairfast, unable to ambulate and is unable to wheel self.)	20 (+2)
	6 (Bedfast, unable to ambulate or be up in a chair.)	20 (+2)

Sources: Compiled by DecisionHealth from the 2026 proposed home health payment rule.