Timothy Ford Mentioned In Skilled Nursing News Article, "PDPM Creates New Litigation Risk For Skilled Nursing, Rehab Providers"

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"After years of facing governmental and legal scrutiny over providing too many rehabilitation hours, both skilled nursing and therapy providers will soon find themselves with the completely opposite risk.

As the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) shifts incentives away from the volume of therapy hours, providers could find themselves accused of not providing enough rehabilitation time for residents, leaders at both operators and law firms have told Skilled Nursing News.

"With the change to PDPM, most third-party providers of rehabilitation services will look to change the contract. As a result, many patients may see a reduction in the total therapy hours provided, as the emphasis for reimbursement moves away from the total minutes for rehabilitation services provided," Timothy Ford, a partner at the firm Einhorn Barbarito, told SNN. "Diligent plaintiffs' attorneys will try to use any reduction in the number of hours of therapy as evidence of neglect and malpractice."

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