



# PROVIDER QUICK TIPS

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## Version 36 of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Implementation

The Department of Human Services (Department) implemented Version 36 of the APR DRG classification system on February 28, 2019, for Medical Assistance (MA) Program enrolled acute care general hospitals that provide inpatient services to MA beneficiaries in the fee-for-service delivery system. This will affect acute care general inpatient stays with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2018. Below, you will find important tips regarding the transition to Version 36 of APR DRG:

### Discharge dates:

On February 28, 2019 – claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2018, will process using the APR-DRG Version 36 classification system.

### **Mass Adjustments:**

The Department will begin to mass adjust claims submitted with discharge dates from October 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019, in late March 2019. These adjustments will be reflected on a future Remittance Advice.

### **Relative Weight Table:**

The Relative Weights, along with average length of stay, outlier percentages and outlier thresholds for use with APR-DRG v36, effective retroactively to October 1, 2018, have been posted at the following website link:

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/publications/forproviders/regulationshandbooksguidesandmanuals/index.htm>

New/Deleted/Revised APR-DRG(s): There are no new or deleted APR-DRGs for v36 There is one DRG with a description change that clarifies content:

DRG	Revised Description
589	Neonate bwt < 500g, or bwt 500-999g & gestational age <24 wks, or bwt 500-749g w major anomaly or w/o life sustaining intervention

### Additional Resources:

You may contact 3M for information regarding the Department's parameter settings in use with v36 of APR-DRG.

- 1-888-3M-HELPS or (1-888-364-3577)
- support.3mhis.com

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