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## Delayed Implementation of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Version 38 & 39

The Department of Human Services (The Department) has experienced a delay in implementing Version 38.0 and Version 39.0 of the APR DRG classification system for Medical Assistance (MA) Program enrolled acute care general hospitals that provide 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, 2020.

As a result of this delay, the Department will begin to mass adjust claims under the new APR DRG versions after June 29, 2023:

- Claims submitted for discharge dates of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 will be mass adjusted under APR DRG Version 38.0
- Claims submitted for discharge dates of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 will be mass adjust under APR DRG Version 39.0

Relative weights, along with average length of stay, outlier percentages and outlier thresholds for use with APR DRG v38.0 and APR DRG v39.0, effective retroactively to October 1, 2020 and October 1, 2021, respectively, are posted to the following links:

- [APR DRG v38 \(Dates of Discharge on or after 10/1/20\)](#)
- [APR DRG v39 \(Dates of Discharge on or after 10/1/21\)](#)

Adjustments relevant to APR DRG v40.0 will be addressed at a later date.

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