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Version 31 of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Effective July 1, 2015

The PA Department of Human Services (the department) implemented Version 31 of the APR DRG classification system for Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled acute care general hospitals that provide services to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-For-Service delivery system on July 1, 2015. This will affect acute care general inpatient stays with discharge dates on or after July 1, 2015.

Here are some important tips regarding the transition to Version 31 of APR DRG.

Discharge Dates:

- Before July 1, 2015 – This claim will process with the current APR DRG Version 27 classification system
- On or after July 1, 2015 – This claim will process with the Version 31 APR DRG classification system

ICD-9 and ICD-10:

Version 31 of APR DRG will accept and classify a claim with either ICD-9 or ICD-10 codes. The DHS continues to recommend that invoices be coded with all codes supported by the medical record, keeping in mind there may be some specific coding requirements unique to APR DRG Version 31.

Claims with a date of discharge prior to October 1, 2015 must be submitted with ICD-9 diagnosis and procedure codes

Claims with a date of discharge on or after October 1, 2015 must be submitted with ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes

The department plans to implement the first available ICD-10 version of APR DRG as soon after the October 1, 2015 ICD-10 implementation date as possible. Please continue to refer to the ICD-10 information on the DHS's website for the latest information at the following link:

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/index.htm>

Health Care Acquired Conditions:

Version 31 of Health Care Acquired Conditions (HCAC) was implemented to complement version 31 of APR-DRG. An update to MAB 01-12-30 at the following link will be forthcoming.

http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin_admin/d_006001.pdf





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For the latest information, please click on the following link:

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/publications/bulletinsearch/index.htm>

Relative Weight Table:

Relative weights, along with average length of stay, outlier percentages and outlier thresholds effective July 1, 2015 are posted on the DHS's website at the following link:

http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/act142/documents/document/c_195245.pdf

Additional Resources:

If interested, please contact 3M for information regarding the DHS's parameter settings in use with Version 31 of APR DRG:

- Call 1-800-361-5745 or click on the following link: <https://support.3mhis.com/>

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