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PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: APR-DRG Update

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

In accordance with Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 471 10-010.03B1a, Nebraska Medicaid will update the All-Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related Group (APR-DRG) software application that assigns patients into categories based on severity of illness and risk of mortality.

For hospital inpatient claim discharge date of July 1, 2018, and thereafter, the Department will use APR-DRG grouper version 35 and version 35 of the national relative weights to determine DRG classifications and the reimbursement for acute hospital inpatient services. The national weights are based on 3M's APR-DRG standard national weights. The new DRGs and national relative weights are posted on the Division's website at http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_provhome.aspx

For the purpose of maintaining budget neutrality with version 35 of the APR-DRG grouper and national weights, the state fiscal year (SFY) 2018 Peer Group Base Rates will be increased by 0.62 percent. All other hospital acute inpatient payment components and methodologies (outlier, direct and indirect medical education, capital per diem, transplant, etc.) remain unchanged.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Flora Coan at 402-471-9582 or via email at: flora.coan@nebraska.gov.

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