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TO: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: State Fiscal Year 2020 Hospital Acute Inpatient Rate Update

This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Medicaid hospital providers of the update of the All Patient Related Diagnosis Group (APR-DRG) rates effective July 1, 2019.

The rate update reflects a 2.00% rate increase for the inpatient base rate, the transplant cost-to-charge ratio (CCR), the direct medical education (DME), the capital per diem, and the transplant DME rates, as appropriated by the legislature in LB294 and in accordance with 471 NAC 10-010.03B.

This rate update does not include any adjustments pertaining to the implementation of version 36 of the 3M APR-DRG national relative weights, implemented on October 1, 2018, for fee-for-service claims. DHHS is analyzing the potential impact of this transition and anticipates a scaling up of the national relative weights to transition to the new version in a budget neutral manner. Claims paid under national relative weights version 36, will be re-priced using the adjusted relative weights. DHHS will publish the adjusted weights upon the completion of the study.

The Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will continue to reimburse hospital acute inpatient services, using the APR-DRG version 35 national relative weights until further notice.

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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