Provider Bulletin 20-33



То:	All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From:	Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director
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Re:	APR-DRG version 37 Update

This Provider Bulletin is being issued to notify acute inpatient hospitals of the update to the All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRGs).

In accordance with Title 471 NAC 10, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC) implemented 3M APR-DRG version 37.1 effective July 1, 2020. APR-DRG version 37.1 will apply to Fee-For-Service (FFS) inpatient claims with discharge date of July 1, 2020, and thereafter.

MLTC is analyzing the potential impact of this transition and anticipates a scaling up of version 37 national relative weights to maintain a budget neutral reimbursement. Claims paid under national relative weights version 37.1 will be re-priced using the re-scaled relative weights. MLTC will publish the adjusted weights upon the completion of the study.

The Managed Care Organizations will continue to reimburse acute hospital inpatient services using the re-scaled APR-DRG version 36 relative weights.

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

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