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RE: Implementation of APR-DRGs

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE, CLINICAL AND BILLING STAFF.

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, through a procurement process, contracted with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to review, recommend and/or develop a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) grouper software for use by Medicaid; and to determine State specific weights, average length of stay, and case mix index for DRGs.

After thorough review, Nebraska Medicaid will implement the use of the APR-DRG Grouper. The implementation date of the APR-DRG Grouper is anticipated for January 1, 2013.

The APR-DRG Grouper will be compliant with the implementation of ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes. In addition to supporting ICD-10 requirements, the product will be capable of processing both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes (dual processing) for at least one year after the ICD-10 implementation.

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