



## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Hospitals participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program.

FROM: Vivianne M. Chaumont, Director  
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Department of Health and Human Services

RE: MEDICAID DIAGNOSIS RELATED GROUP (DRG) GROUPE

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

On August 1, 2007, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule implementing a brand new Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) system called the Medicare-Severity DRGs or MS-DRGs effective for Medicare's fiscal year 2008.

The Department **will not** be implementing the new MS-DRGs for Nebraska Medicaid reimbursement on October 1, 2007. The Department is working on how to implement the new DRGs in the future with current regulations and payment system. Providers will be notified as soon as it is determined when the new MS-DRGs will be implemented by Nebraska Medicaid. For now, the Department will continue to use the current DRG Grouper (Version 24.0). Please continue to watch for DRG updates in future Nebraska Medical Assistance Bulletins.

If you would like to submit questions to the Department regarding the DRG system for Nebraska Medicaid, please send an email to: [margaret.booth@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:margaret.booth@hhss.ne.gov) or call at 402-471-9380.