

# Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

## Health Plan Advisory

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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans  
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RE: APR-DRG Update



This Health Plan Advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans 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.

The Heritage Health Plans will continue to reimburse acute hospital inpatient services, using the re-scaled APR-DRG version 36. The state is in the process of conducting a fiscal impact analysis for transitioning to version 37.1. Upon completion of the study, MLTC will share its findings and will assist the Heritage Health plans in determining any required actions in accordance with their contracts with DHHS.

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

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