


## Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Health Plan Advisory

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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: New Outpatient Reimbursement Methodology

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans of upcoming changes for the transition of certain hospital outpatient service cost-to-charge reimbursement to the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) system.

In collaboration with the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, effective January 1, 2020, the Managed Care Organizations will reimburse hospital outpatient services provided by non-critical access hospitals to Medicaid Managed Care clients based on EAPG version 3.14.

The EAPG reimbursement methodology will be applied to non-critical access hospital outpatient claims with a discharge date of January 1, 2020 and thereafter.

The Heritage Health plans shall reimburse hospital outpatient services provided by non-critical access hospitals to Medicaid Managed Care clients based on the Nebraska Medicaid Heritage Health EAPG minimum fee schedule. The fee schedule will be published by the Department at

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

Pursuant to Title 471 of the Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) section 3-004.04, reimbursement for dual members will not exceed the lesser of the Medicare or Medicaid (EAPG) allowable amount.

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). Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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