interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: Inpatient Hospitals – Annual 3M Grouper Updates

International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Updates

As stated in the October Monthly Hospital important Message, the update to the ICD-10 (International Statistical Classification of Diseases) codes effective October 1, 2021 may cause inpatient Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) claims with header Through Date of Service (TDOS) October 1, 2021 through October 26, 2021 to suspend with either EOB code 0693 "Invalid Principal Diagnosis" or EOB code 0920 "3M Grouper Error" until the new 3M Grouper is loaded. The updated grouper version will be loaded into the system on October 27, 2021. As a result, any claims that are currently suspended will be re-cycled for processing and will appear on the provider's November 9, 2021 Remittance Advice.

Diagnosis Related Grouper (DRG) October Updates

For the October 1, 2021 update, there were no new or deleted DRGs.

Diagnosis Related Grouper (DRG) January Updates - DRG Weight, Average Length of Stay (ALOS) and Outlier Threshold

Per the amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan, DSS shall pay for hospital inpatient services on a fully prospective per discharge basis using DRG-based payments. Diagnosis related groups will be assigned using the most recent version of the 3M All Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related Grouper (APR-DRG) with each new grouper version released by 3M being implemented the subsequent January 1st. DRG Weights, average length of stays and outlier thresholds for the new version will all have an effective date of January 1, 2022.

A provider bulletin will be distributed in December 2021 reminding hospitals of the annual update to the inpatient hospital adjustment factors and the APR-DRG weights, effective January 1, 2022. Once the DRG calculator has been updated and posted to the www.ctdssmap.com Web portal with that most current information, additional provider notification will be distributed.

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