

interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: Inpatient Hospital Providers

3M Grouper

All Patient Refined-Diagnostic Related Group (APR-DRG) Version 37 will be updated for discharge dates October 1, 2019 and forward. System updates for the 3M Grouper is tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2019.

The DRG Calculator was updated effective for dates of discharge October 1, 2019 and forward. The updated DRG calculator has been added to the Hospital Modernization Web Page. DRG Weights, Average Length of Stays (ALOS) and Outlier Thresholds will remain the same for discharges October 1, 2019 and forward.

The update to the ICD-10 (International Statistical Classification of Diseases) codes effective October 1, 2019 may cause inpatient DRG claims with header Through Date of Service (TDOS) October 1, 2019 and forward to suspend with either Explanation of Benefit (EOB) code 0693 “Invalid Principal Diagnosis” or EOB code 0920 “3M Grouper Error” until the new 3M Grouper is loaded. Once the updated grouper version is loaded into the system the claims will be re-cycled for processing.

DRG Weight, ALOS and Outlier Threshold Updates - January 1, 2020

Per the amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan, the Department of Social Services (DSS) shall pay for hospital inpatient services on a fully prospective per discharge basis using DRG-based payments. DRGs will be assigned using the most recent version of the 3M APR-DRG Grouper with each new grouper version released by 3M being implemented the subsequent January 1st. DRG Weights, ALOS and Outlier Thresholds for the new version will all have an effective date of January 1, 2020.