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Version 37 of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Implementation

The Department of Human Services (The Department) implemented Version 37.0 of the APR DRG classification system on February 27, 2020 for Medical Assistance (MA) Program enrolled acute care general hospitals that provide services to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-For-Service delivery system. This will affect acute care general inpatient stays with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2019. Below, you will find important tips regarding the transition to Version 37.0 of APR DRG:

Discharge dates:

On February 27, 2020 – claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2019 will process using the APR DRG Version 37.0 classification system.

Mass Adjustments:

The Department will begin to mass adjust claims submitted for discharge dates from October 1, 2019 through February 27, 2020 at a later date. These adjustments will be reflected on a future Remittance Advice.

Relative Weight Table:

Relative weights, along with average length of stay, outlier percentages and outlier thresholds for use with APR DRG v37.0, effective retroactively to October 1, 2019 have been posted at the following link:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/For-Providers/Documents/Regulations%20Handbooks%20Guides%20Manuals/PA%20V37%20Relative%20Weights%20to%20DHS%2001.17.20.pdf>

New/Deleted/Revised APR DRG(s): There are 10 new and 6 deleted APR DRGs for v37.0. There are 15 DRGs with revised descriptions in order to clarify content.



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New DRGs

DRG	Description
27	Other open craniotomy
29	Percutaneous intracranial procedures
30	Percutaneous intra- and extracranial vascular procedures
178	External heart assist systems
179	Defibrillator implants
183	Percutaneous structural cardiac procedures
539	Cesarean section with sterilization
543	Abortion with D&C, aspiration curettage or hysterotomy
547	Antepartum with OR procedure
548	Postpartum and post abortion diagnosis with OR procedure

Deleted DRGs

DRG	Description
010	Head trauma with deep coma
544	D&C, aspiration curettage or hysterotomy for obstetric diagnoses
545	Ectopic pregnancy procedures
546	Other OR proc for obstetric diagnoses except delivery diagnoses
563	Preterm labor
565	False labor



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Revised DRGs

DRG	Revised Description
008	Autologic bone marrow transplant or T-cell immunotherapy
020	Open craniotomy for trauma
021	Open craniotomy except trauma
024	Open extracranial vascular procedures
161	Implantable heart assist systems
174	Percutaneous cardiac intervention with AMI
175	Percutaneous cardiac intervention without AMI
176	Insertion, revision and replacements of pacemaker and other cardiac devices
444	Renal dialysis access device procedures and vessel repair
540	Cesarean section without sterilization
542	Vaginal delivery with O.R. procedure except sterilization and/or D&C
566	Antepartum without O.R. procedure
722	Fever and inflammatory conditions
817	Intentional self-harm and attempted suicide
843	Extensive 3rd degree burns without skin graft



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Additional Resources:

You may contact 3M for information regarding the Department's parameter settings in use with v37.0 of APR DRG.

- 1-888-3M-HELPS or (1-888-364-3577)
- support.3mhis.com

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