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Hospital Updates Annual DRG Rebasing, SFY09 Supplemental Payment, Bilateral Billing Procedures, and Available Training

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Hospital Administrators

This letter is to update you on the annual DRG review process, inform you of an upcoming outpatient hospital payment as well as to advise you of bilateral billing procedures and paternity outreach training that is available for hospitals.

Annual DRG Rebasing effective January 1, 2010

The annual review process for inpatient hospital services paid under the DRG system has begun. OHCA mailed out letters August 12th notifying you of the cost-related characteristics that were being used to classify your facility into peer groups. If you did not receive a letter, please let us know.

SFY09 Outpatient Hospital Supplemental Payment

OHCA has processed the SFY09 outpatient hospital supplemental payment, formerly known as the transitional outpatient payment (TOP), and this payment will appear on providers remits dated 8/19/2009. This payment will be found on the financial transaction page under non-claim specific payouts on your remit. This payment is not patient specific and is made based on each facility's outpatient costs and payments relative to other facilities during the period. If your facility did not receive a payment then either you did not have any paid outpatient hospital claims for the period or the claim specific payments you received covered your costs for these services. Additional information on how this payment was calculated can be found on our public website at the following [link](#).

Bilateral Billing Procedures

Procedures that can be filed as a bilateral procedure by physicians (filed with a modifier -50) have the allowed units set to 1 in our system. However since our system won't pay these procedures as a bilateral procedure with the -50 modifier to hospital facilities, you will need to file the procedure code with 1 unit and no modifier on one line and on the second line file the procedure code with the -51 modifier and 1 unit. Our system will be able to pay and discount correctly using the approach. This process should only be used on codes that can be filed as bilateral procedures and our allowed units are set to 1. We will review all facility APC claims filed with modifiers on the backend to assure that they were billed appropriately.

Paternity Outreach Training for Hospitals – Voluntary Paternity Program

Oklahoma Child Support Services has developed an online training for birth certificate clerks on the voluntary paternity program. It can be found at www.OKLMS.org. Staff will be able to go to the website, create their own user name and password, and take this important training at their convenience. All hospitals experience turnover issues and this will help new staff get more acclimated to the process. Please call Leslie Lewis with Oklahoma Child Support Services at (405) 522-3119 for more information.

Background information: Under Oklahoma law, the only way a father's name can be entered onto a birth certificate is by (1) marriage to the mother, (2) completion of an Acknowledgment of Paternity, or (3) a court order. Birth certificate clerks complete the Acknowledgment of Paternity form along with the birth certificate when there is an out of wedlock birth in Oklahoma and the father wants to admit that he is the father; this also ensures the father's name is on the birth certificate.

If you have any questions or require additional information about this please phone Kelly Botten at (405) 522-7108 or email at Kelly.Botten@okhca.org.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's *SoonerCare* members.