

Hospital Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) Changes - Updated

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Dear Hospital Administrators:

This notice is to inform you of the details of the Hospital Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) changes, as well as to update you on other programs.

DRG Changes

In the past, OHCA has updated the DRG grouper Medicare adopted the prior October every January. Due to implementation of ICD-10, OHCA will update to the new Medicare grouper (MS-DRG V33) on October 1, 2015. This change is to eliminate potential issues with mapping during the transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10.

OHCA will also implement the following DRG changes on October 1, 2015 (based on receipt of claim):

- Claims for newborns older than 28 days at time of the admit date will no longer be grouped based on the SoonerCare neonate logic; these claims will instead be grouped and reimbursed based on the appropriate MS-DRG.
- Claims for newborns (28 days or younger) that have a previous paid inpatient claim will be reviewed to determine whether SoonerCare neonate logic is appropriate. Additional documentation may be requested.
- Currently for neonates that expired within 2 days with admit source 5, the OHCA system incorrectly groups to 0N02. OHCA will remove admit source 5 from the 0N02 DRG Assignment. So if admit source indicates a transfer (**i.e. 4 or 6 only**), DRG 0N02 will be assigned; otherwise DRG 0N01 will be assigned.

SFY 2015 DRG Budget Item

Effective July 1, 2015, OHCA implemented a transfer fee payment method for claims that met specific criteria. In that rule change, OHCA stated that outliers will not be paid to transferring hospitals for transfer cases. After review, OHCA has decided that if a transfer claim from a transferring hospital qualifies for an outlier payment, OHCA will pay the outlier payment. This change will be made by October 1, 2015 and any impacted claims with a discharge date of July 1, 2015 or later will be identified and recycled.

If you have any questions or require additional information please phone Aaron Morris at (405) 522-7533 or email at Aaron.Morris@okhca.org.

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