

AHCCCS APR-DRG Work Group
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Payment Policy Issues

Preliminary Decisions:

Issue 1:

Will detox stays be paid under DRG by AHCCCS or under BHS Rates by RBHAs?

Preliminary Decision:

If the primary diagnosis is a medical diagnosis then AHCCCS/MCOs will pay under DRG. If the primary diagnosis is behavioral then the RBHAs will pay under the current methodology. Hospitals must start a new claim for the behavioral health portion of the patient stay.

Issue 2:

Will potentially preventable readmissions be paid in full, paid at reduced rate, or disallowed?

Preliminary Decision:

Readmissions within 72 hours to the same hospital with the same base DRG assignment will be pended to medical review. If the readmission is determined to have been preventable, payment will be disallowed.

Final Decisions:

Issue 3:

Member is undocumented alien for whom AHCCCS only pays for emergency services.

Payment Decision:

Determine the number of emergency days based on medical review and prorate based on the length of stay ==> payment equal to (Full DRG payment / Actual LOS) * (Number of Days Covered + 1) and is not to exceed the full DRG payment

Issue 4:

Same Day Admit/Discharge claims for maternity and newborn today use a "lesser of" logic to pay at per diem at OPFS.

Payment Decision:

All claims with an admission date matching the date of discharge will be reimbursed under OPFS methodology including same day admit/discharge maternity/newborn claims.