

REINSURANCE HOT NEWS

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DRG language for through date of service

A HotNews communication was sent out on Sept 16, 2016 regarding a change in the DRG language for transplant dates of service. A follow-up request in regards to that communication has been requested to clarify the effective date of this change for the providers.

To clarify, the language below is for transplant components or Medical Management stays that begin on or after 10/1/2016.

Regarding: DRG language for transplant dates of service

- Several health plans have asked that the language regarding the dates of service in the DRG be reviewed to verify whether it reflects the correct procedure. The Reinsurance and Encounters unit have met and determined that an edit is required to accurately reflect the correct procedure. Please see the language below:

Clarified language per our meeting for paragraph 31.

Inpatient Services Preceding Transplant

During a hospitalization in which transplant services are performed (where those services are governed under specialty transplant contracts between AHCCCS and the hospital, and paid under component pricing) a recipient may first receive inpatient hospital services that are not related to the transplant, or related to the evaluation component of the transplant, all of which are paid under the APR-DRG methodology.

In the event a recipient receives services during an inpatient stay prior to “Prep and Transplant” (or any other transplant component priced in the specialty contract), a separate 0111 or 0851 bill type admit through discharge claim utilizing a Discharge Status code of 70, should be filed for services performed before the specialty-contract transplant components and paid at APR-DRG. On the UB-04 paper claim form or the 837 institutional submission, the “From” date of service should correspond to the initial admission date of the member. The “Through” date of service reported on the claim should be ~~the date immediately preceding~~ **equal to the first day of** the specialty-contract transplant components.

If any further revision or clarification is needed, contact Ruth Venturini@azahcccs.gov.