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HHSC Implements APR-DRG Grouper 40 for Inpatient FFS Provider Reimbursements

Background:

HHSC created processes to analyze the fiscal impact of annual APR-DRG version logic changes before implementation of the next Grouper version. Relative weights may be recalibrated, before each version is implemented, if necessary. *HHSC and TMHP will publish updated information as it becomes available.*

Key Details:

Effective for dates of discharge on or after September 1, 2023, Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will pay claims with the Grouper version 40 of the All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) to process FFS inpatient reimbursements. The 3M Grouper software will map to the Grouper 40.1 ICD-10 code set effective September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023, and Grouper 41 ICD-10 code set effective October 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.

Administrative procedures such as prior authorization, pre-certification, referrals, and claims /encounter data filing may differ from traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) and from MCO to MCO. Providers should contact the client's specific MCO for details.

Additional Information:

For the information of hospitals that license 3M's Texas-specific reimbursement calculation software, 3M released the Grouper 40 software update on September 26, 2022. The relative weights, MLOS and day thresholds reflect the logic of Grouper 40.

Use of this software is a hospital decision and not required by HHSC.

Resources:

Providers may access the rate table and other information for APR-DRG on HHSC's website here: (<https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/hospitals-clinic-services>)

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