

Hospital DRG and Other Updates

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Dear Hospital Administrators:

This notice is an update on the DRG rebasing effective January 1, 2018 and other updates.

DRG Update

OHCA has completed the annual DRG rebase and will implement new hospital base rates and DRG weights effective for discharges beginning January 1, 2018. Letters were mailed this week and information for the update will be available on the website soon.

OHCA will implement the new Medicare grouper (MS-DRG V35) 12/20/2017 and make it effective for discharges beginning 10/1/2017. There has been an issue with claims denying for "invalid diagnosis code." This is due to the coverage on certain codes ending 9/30/2017 but the MS-DRG V34 not using the updated diagnosis codes effective 10/1/2017. The backdating of the MS-DRG V35 to cover discharges beginning 10/1/2017 should resolve those claims issues and allow hospitals to bill properly. Hospitals can begin refiling these denied claims beginning 12/20/2017.

Outpatient Claims Processing

OHCA recently rebased the APC & ASC payment rates effective January 1, 2018. The new APC/ASC fee schedules will be available soon and can be found on our public website.

SHOPP

OHCA proposed and the Hospital advisory committee approved a SHOPP assessment rate for CY 2018 of 3.00%. Assessment letters were mailed with invoices on December 14, 2017 and that letter and the CY 2018 Assessment report is posted at www.okhca.org. The payment schedule is being finalized and will be posted on the OHCA website soon.

For more information on SHOPP updates and reports please go to www.okhca.org. In the Provider Section, click the drop down menu, then choose SHOPP.

DSH

OHCA posted the final FFY2014 DSH audit report issued by our auditors, Myers and Stauffer. OHCA is in the process of recoupage and reallocation of DSH audit funds for FFY2013 and

soon to begin work on FFY2014. Once all DSH funds have been recouped and reallocated, letters will be sent out and a reallocation plan will be posted on the DSH website listed below. Some hospitals over the past few audits have not qualified because OHCA and DSH auditors were unable to collect information during the audit process. If a hospital does not respond to the auditors Survey Part I, they are deemed not meeting the OB requirement for DSH. The Survey Part I that the auditors are requesting is separate from the annual DSH survey requested by OHCA. Multiple attempts are made to contact all hospitals by e-mail and telephone to locate an alternate representative. There is no appeal process in place for the DSH audit because by the time the audit report is issued several attempts over a several week period have been made to contact a representative at the hospital.

OHCA recently completed the FFY2018 DSH allocation calculation. For information on DSH updates and reports please go to www.okhca.org. In the Provider Section, click the drop down menu, then choose DSH Forms and Reports.

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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