

TIP/TOP payments

OHCA's first transitional inpatient payment (TIP) was made on provider's March 8th remits. This is a payment made to Oklahoma critical access and acute care hospitals that were moved to the DRG methodology 10/1/05. There will be a total of 3 payments made (this being the first). The payment was **not** patient specific but made based on the number of DRG discharges for that facility relative to other facilities during the quarter.

The second payment should be made in May and the final payment will be made – if funding remains – around September.

OHCA was appropriated 12 months of funding for DRGs but due to the time it took to implement, DRGs did not begin until 10/1/05. Therefore we have an additional 3 months of funding to spend this year and we are doing that thru the TIP.

There will also be a transitional outpatient payment (TOP) made somewhere around September 2006 – again if funding remains.

Please be advised that these payments will not continue after this fiscal year.