

Authority SoonerCare Provider Reimbursement Notice

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Hospital DRG

OHCA PRN 2019-08

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Dear Hospital Administrators,

DRG Rebase

It was the intent of OHCA to implement the update October 1, 2019, but implementation was postponed due to the delayed release of Medicare grouper (MS-DRG V37) by CMS. CMS posted the Medicare grouper on October 1, 2019. OHCA has now completed the annual DRG rebase and are in the process of implementing the new hospital base rates and DRG weights effective for discharges beginning October 1, 2019. Letters will be mailed and information for the update will be available on the OHCA website within the next day or two. OHCA will implement the new Medicare grouper (MS-DRG V37) and make it effective for discharges beginning October 1, 2019. Conce the system is updated, the claims will be recycled for any claims that were billed and had dates of service after October 1, 2019.

5% Rate Increase

OHCA implemented a 5% provider rate increase effective October 1, 2019 that effects all DRG hospitals. The base rate or DRG weights will not increase by exactly 5% due to the increase occurring at the same time as the annual DRG rebase. The annual DRG budget was increased 5% and will vary depending on hospital peer group and services provided.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me by email at <u>ProvReimb@okhca.org</u> or by phone at (405) 522-7454.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.