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## Version 35 of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Implementation

The Department of Human Services (The Department) implemented Version 35.0 of the APR DRG classification system on March 16, 2018 for Medical Assistance (MA) Program enrolled acute care general hospitals that provide services to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-For-Service delivery system. This will affect acute care general inpatient stays with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2017. Below, you will find important tips regarding the transition to Version 35.0 of APR DRG:

### Discharge dates:

On March 16, 2018 – claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2017 will process using the APR DRG Version 35.0 classification system.

### Mass Adjustments:

The Department will begin to mass adjust claims submitted for discharge dates from October 1, 2017 through March 15, 2018 at a later date. These adjustments will be reflected on a future Remittance Advice.

### Relative Weight Table:

Relative weights, along with average length of stay, outlier percentages and outlier thresholds for use with APR-DRG v35.0, effective retroactively to October 1, 2017 have been posted at the following link:

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/publications/forproviders/regulationshandbooksguidesandmanuals/index.htm>

New/Deleted/Revised APR DRG(s): There are new, deleted, and revised APR DRGs for v35.0

- **Eighteen (18) New DRGs added**
  - **007** Allogeneic bone marrow transplant
  - **008** Autologous bone marrow transplant
  - **009** Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
  - **010** Head trauma with deep coma
  - **059** Anoxic & other severe brain damage
  - **145** Acute bronchitis and related symptoms
  - **230** Major small bowel procedures
  - **231** Major large bowel procedures
  - **232** Gastric fundoplication
  - **233** Appendectomy with complex principal diagnosis
  - **234** Appendectomy without complex principal diagnosis
  - **426** Non-hypovolemic sodium disorders
  - **427** Thyroid disorders
  - **792** Extensive OR procedures for other complications of treatment





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- **793** Moderately extensive OR procedures for other complications of treatment
- **794** Non-extensive OR procedures for other complications of treatment
- **810** Hemorrhage or hematoma due to complication
- **817** Overdose
  
- **Ten (10) DRGs were deleted**
  - **003** Bone marrow transplant
  - **070** Orbital procedures
  - **080** Acute major eye infections
  - **090** Major larynx & trachea procedures
  - **093** Sinus & mastoid procedures deleted
  - **221** Major small and large bowel procedure
  - **225** Appendectomy
  - **262** Cholecystectomy except Laparoscopic
  - **481** Penis procedures
  - **791** OR procedures for other complications of treatment
  
- **Eleven (11) DRGs had revisions**
  - **004** Tracheostomy w MV 96+ hours w extensive procedure
  - **052** Alteration in consciousness
  - **073** Orbit and eye procedure
  - **082** Eye Infections and other eye disorders
  - **114** Dental diseases and disorders
  - **249** Other gastroenteritis, nausea & vomiting
  - **263** Cholecystectomy
  - **401** Adrenal procedures
  - **425** Other non-hypovolemic electrolyte disorders
  - **444** Renal dialysis access device and vessel repair
  - **483** Penis, testes and scrotal procedures

## Revised Procedure OR Status:

3,852 procedures have changed from operating room (OR) to non-operating room (non-OR).

## Additional Resources:

You may contact 3M for information regarding the Department's parameter settings in use with v35.0 of APR DRG.

- 1-888-3M-HELPS or (1-888-364-3577)
- support.3mhis.com

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