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## Delayed Implementation of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Version 42

The Department of Human Services (The Department) has experienced a delay in implementing Version 42 of the APR DRG classification system 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, 2024.

As a result of this delay, The Department will begin to mass adjust claims submitted for discharge dates October 1, 2024 through June 6, 2025.

Relative weights, along with average length of stay, outlier percentages and outlier thresholds for use with APR DRG v42.0, effective retroactively to October 1, 2024 will be posted to the following link:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/ma-for-providers/regulations-handbooks-guides-manuals.html>

Thank you for your service to our Medical Assistance beneficiaries.

We value your participation.

Check the Department's website often at:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs.html>

