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## Version 43 of All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) Implementation

The Department of Human Services (The Department) implemented Version 43.0 of the APR DRG classification system on February 26, 2026, 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, 2025. Below, you will find important tips regarding the transition to Version 43.0 of APR DRG:

### Discharge dates:

On February 26, 2026 – claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2025, will process using the APR DRG Version 43.0 classification system.

### Mass Adjustments:

The Department will begin to mass adjust claims submitted for discharge dates from October 1, 2025, through February 26, 2026, 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 v43.0, effective retroactively to October 1, 2025, have been posted at the following link:

<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/for-providers/documents/regulations-handbooks-guides-manuals/pa-v43-relative-weights-to-pa.pdf>

New/Deleted/Revised APR DRG(s): There are 3 new and 7 deleted APR DRGs for v43.0. There are 7 DRGs with revised descriptions in order to clarify content.

### **New DRGs**

DRG	Description
060	Head trauma with coma < 1 hour
864	Hospice and palliative care
891	HIV with major HIV related condition or multiple HIV significant related conditions



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## Deleted DRGs

DRG	Description
056	Brain contusion or laceration and complicated skull fracture, coma < 1 hour or no coma
057	Concussion, closed skull fracture NOS, and uncomplicated intracranial injury, coma < 1 hour or no coma
232	Gastric fundoplication
512	Uterine and adnexa procedures for non-ovarian and non-adnexal malignancy
520	Other GYN procedures for malignancy
892	HIV with major HIV related condition
893	HIV with multiple significant HIV related conditions

## Revised DRGs

DRG	Revised Description
180	Other peripheral vascular and circulatory procedures
181	Lower vascular procedures
182	Other upper vascular procedures
444	Renal dialysis access procedures
511	Gynecologic procedures for malignancy
513	Gynecologic procedures without malignancy
519	Gynecologic procedures for leiomyoma

## Additional Resources:

You may contact Solventum for information regarding the Department's parameter settings in use with v43.0 of APR DRG.

- 1-800-367-2447
- <https://www.solventum.com>

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