

# Beginning Billing Workshop IP/OP Hospital

Colorado Medical Assistance Programs  
including Health First Colorado  
(Colorado's Medicaid Program) and CHP+

2018



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# APR-DRG

Inpatient hospital services claims with discharge date on or after October 1, 2015

Reimbursed using All-Patient Refined (APR-DRG) grouper version 33.0

Discharge Date	Grouper
<b>October 1, 2015 – current</b>	<b>APR-DRG Version 33</b>
January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015	APR-DRG Version 32
October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2013	Version 24.0 +annual crosswalks
October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006	Version 23.0
October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005	Version 22.0
October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004	Version 21.0
October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003	Version 20.0



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# APR-DRG

- The Department updated the payment methodology to APR-DRG Version 33 as of July 1, 2016
  - All claims with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2015, will process payment through Version 33
  - The Department will reprocess claims that have already been submitted with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2015 to utilize APR-DRG Version 33
- The differences between APR-DRG Version 32 and 33 are minimal and will not likely impact many claims



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# Inpatient Pricing

- Transfer Payment Logic:

- IF Covered Days < DRG Average Length of Stay, THEN pay Per Diem \* Covered Days
- IF Covered Days  $\geq$  DRG Average Length of Stay, THEN pay DRG Base Payment

- Per Diem Calculation:

- Per Diem = DRG Base Payment / DRG Average Length of Stay

- Outlier Payment Logic:

- Outlier Days = Covered Days beyond DRG Trim Point
- Outlier Payment = Outlier Days \* Per Diem \* 80%



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# Outpatient Pricing

- Before October 30, 2016 - Reimbursement for outpatient hospital services was calculated using a cost to charge ratio and cost settlements based on Medicare's audited cost report
- As of October 31, 2016 - Reimbursement is calculated using Enhanced Ambulatory Payment Grouper Systems (EAPGS)
  - Meeting Recordings and Resources:  
[www.Colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/outpatient-hospital-payment](http://www.Colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/outpatient-hospital-payment)



# Benefit and Billing Information

For more detailed benefit and billing information, refer to:

<https://www.Colorado.gov/hcpf/Billing-Manuals>

Billing Manuals → UB-04 → IP and OP Hospital Billing Manual



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# Provider Services Call Center

**1-844-235-2387**

## [Download the Call Center Queue Guide](#)

**7 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday**

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST Wednesday & Friday**

The Provider Services Call Center will be utilizing the time between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

on Wednesdays and Fridays to return calls to providers.



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**Thank you! Please feel free to  
ask us any questions you may  
have.**



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