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on the inpatient Medicaid claim: diagnosis, procedures performed, patient age, patient sex, and discharge status. The APR-DRG determines the reimbursement when the APR-DRG hospital-specific relative value (HSRV) relative weight is multiplied by the APR-DRG base price. (The term “relative weight” used throughout this document refers to the HSRV relative weight.)

D. DRG Relative Weights

Each version of the APR-DRG relative weights has a set of DRG-specific relative weights assigned to it. The APR-DRG relative weights are calculated by 3M Health Information Systems from the Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) created by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Each APR-DRG relative weight reflects the typical resources consumed per case. According to 3M Health Information Systems, V.30 relative weights under the hospital-specific relative value (HSRV) methodology were calculated as follows:

1. A two-year dataset of NIS records was compiled, representing 15 million stays.
2. All stays were grouped using APR-DRG V.30.
3. Hospital charges are used as the basis for establishing consistent relative resource use across differentiated case types. To mitigate distortion caused by differences from hospital to hospital in marking up charges over cost, claims charges that contribute to relative weights are normalized to a standard value such that each hospital has a similar charge level for a similar case mix.
4. A single hospital is omitted from the standardized value for each DRG so that each hospital’s charges are standardized to the charges of the omitted hospital.
5. The standardized average cost of each DRG is normalized by multiplying through the number of cases in each DRG and computing a scaling factor to match the total weight of the total number of cases, which is applied uniformly to each weight such that average weight across the set of DRG weights is 1.0. The result is a set of relative weights that reflect differences in estimated hospital cost per APR-DRG.

An evaluation performed by the Division of Medicaid determined that the national relative weights calculated by 3M Health Information Systems corresponded closely

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payment. Under the previous payment method, the same per diem amount was paid for relatively inexpensive services such as mental health as for relatively expensive services such as cardiac surgery. As a result, the pay-to-cost ratio for mental health was relatively high.

4. Rehabilitation – This adjustor was set so that payment for rehabilitation would be approximately 100% of cost. This level of cost was estimated by reference to average cost per stay at the in-state facility that performs only rehabilitation.
5. Transplant – This adjustor was set so that payment for transplants would be approximately budget-neutral compared with the previous payment method. Because of the very small volume of stays, the calculation was done using two years of paid claims data rather than six months.

A state plan amendment will be submitted any time policy adjustors are added or adjusted.

F. DRG Base Price

The same base price is used for all stays in all hospitals. The base price (effective October 1, 2013) was set at a budget-neutral amount per stay based on the analysis of 78,194 hospital inpatient stays from the period October 1, 2012 through July 15, 2013. These stays were originally paid under the APR-DRG payment methodology using the 3M V.29 algorithm. A series of data validation steps were undertaken to ensure that the new analytical dataset

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would be as accurate as possible for purposes of calculating the updated APR-DRG base price. All stays from the new dataset were grouped using the APR-DRG V.30 algorithm; policy adjustors as described in Paragraph E were applied and a 3.5% decrease adjustment was made to the base price to reflect expected improvements in hospital documentation and coding. Within this payment method structure, the APR-DRG base price then determines the overall payment level. By applying the payment method calculations to the 78,194-stay analytical dataset, the budget-neutral APR-DRG base price of \$6,022 was calculated. The Division of Medicaid will not make retroactive payment adjustment.

The base price is reflected in Appendix A.

G. DRG Base Payment

For each stay, the DRG Base Payment equals the DRG Relative Weight multiplied by the DRG Base Price with the application of policy adjustors, as applicable. Additional payments and adjustments are made as described in this section and in Appendix A.

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APPENDIX A

APR-DRG KEY PAYMENT VALUES

The table below reflects key payment values for the APR-DRG payment methodology described in this Plan.

<u>Payment Parameter</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Use</u>
APR-DRG version	V.30	Groups every claim to a DRG
DRG base price	\$6,022	Rel. wt. X DRG base price = DRG base payment
Policy adjustor – obstetrics and newborns	1.40	Increases relative weight and payment rate
Policy adjustor – mental health pediatric	2.08	Increases relative weight and payment rate
Policy adjustor – mental health adult	1.75	Increases relative weight and payment rate
Policy adjustor – Rehabilitation	2.11	Increases relative weight and payment rate
Policy adjustor – Transplant	1.50	Increases relative weight and payment rate
DRG cost outlier threshold	\$32,800	Used in identifying cost outlier stays
DRG marginal cost percentage	60%	Used in calculating cost outlier payment
DRG long stay threshold	19	All stays above 19 days require TAN on days
DRG day outlier statewide amount	\$450	Per diem payment for mental health stays over 19 days
Transfer status - 02 – transfer to hospital	02	Used to identify transfer stays
Transfer status - 05 –transfer other	05	Used to identify transfer stays
Transfer status – 07 – against medical advice	07	Used to identify transfer stays
Transfer status – 63 – transfer to long-term acute care hospital	63	Used to identify transfer stays
Transfer status – 65 – transfer to psychiatric hospital	65	Used to identify transfer stays
Transfer status – 66 – transfer to critical access hospital	66	Used to identify transfer stays
DRG interim claim threshold	30	Interim claims not accepted if < 31 days
DRG interim claim per diem amount	\$850	Per diem payment for interim claims
Documentation and coding adjustment	0.035	Applies to all hospitals