## PUBLIC NOTICE

#### June 1, 2016

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given to the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA). The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, is submitting SPA 16-0010 All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) Reimbursement to update the hospital inpatient payment methodology with an effective date of July 1, 2016. This proposed SPA is to comply with approved SPA 2012-008, our Transmittal # 16-0010.

- 1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 16-0010 APR-DRG Reimbursement contains the following updates to hospital inpatient services effective July 1, 2016:
  - a. Transition from V.32 to V.33 of the 3M Health Information System Hospital Inpatient APR-DRG Grouper,
  - b. Transition from V.32 to V.33 of the 3M Health Information System Hospital Inpatient Hospital Acquired Conditions Utility,
  - c. Update Appendix B "Out-of-State Hospital Transplant Services' Care Rates Effective July 1, 2016," to the most recent amounts as published by *Milliman*, and
  - d. Update Sections 2-1F. "Cost Reporting, What to Submit" and 2-1.H.5 "Provider Notification", to clarify that fee-for-service and coordinated care organization (CCO) Medicaid settlement data must be combined and reported on cost reports and that failure to provide cost report information will result in a provider's assignment of an inpatient cost-to-charge ratio equal to the average cost-to-charge ratio for the bed class in which the hospital falls.
- 2. The estimated annual aggregate expenditures of the Division of Medicaid are expected to be budget-neutral relative to APR-DRG Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 overall. The update to Appendix B using the most recent available *Milliman* information is expected to result in no increase in hospital inpatient payments. Appendix B would only be used in extraordinary circumstances where transplants are performed out-of-state and the APR-DRG transplant policy-adjusted payment is not sufficient to provide access to care.
- 3. SPA 2012-008 APR-DRG requires the Division of Medicaid to submit a SPA for changes to the APR-DRG hospital inpatient payment methodology.
- 4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from <u>www.medicaid.ms.gov</u> or may be requested at <u>Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov</u> or 601-359-2081.
- 5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or <u>Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov</u> for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at <u>www.medicaid.ms.gov</u>.
- 6. A public hearing on this SPA will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the

Mississippi War Memorial, 120 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

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- 3. Working trial balance;
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  - a. Worksheet A-6S-3;
  - b. Worksheet A-86;
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- 7. Medicare Title XVIII information for the Worksheet D series:
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- 9. Medicaid Worksheet E-3, Part VII, specifically lines 8 and 9.
- 10. General Information Survey.

9.11. For cost reporting periods ending on and after December 31, 2015, providers must combine Medicaid fee-for-service and Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) hospital inpatient and outpatient claims data (days, charges, etc.) from the respective Provider Statistical and Reimbursement Reports (PS&Rs) and report the amounts as one number throughout the cost report where Medicaid data is reported, including, but not limited to the Worksheets listed in numbers 5.a., 8, and 9 above. Providers must submit to DOM the CCO PS&Rs used for each cost reporting period as part of the original cost report submission.

by this plan to include those costs reported for Medicare reimbursement purposes such as depreciation, non-employee related insurance, interest, rent, and property taxes (real and personal). Operating costs are defined as total Medicaid costs less capital costs apportioned to the Medicaid Program. Medical education costs will not be included in the calculation of the inpatient cost-to-charge ratio used to pay outlier payments because these costs will be paid outside the APR-DRG payments as noted in section 4-1.0. of this plan. Those Mississippi hospitals that file a cost report with no Medicaid activity or that fail to provide all information listed in 2-<u>1F.</u>, will be assigned the average inpatient cost-to-charge ratio for the bed class in which the hospital falls.

- 5. All desk review findings will be sent to the provider.
- 6. Desk reviews amended after the inpatient cost-to-charge ratio (CCR) is determined due to an amended cost report will be used only to adjust the CCR from the date the amended CCR is calculated and input into the MMIS, through the end of the current reimbursement period. No retroactive adjustments to cost outlier payments will be made as a result of the change to the inpatient CCR.

# 2-2 Amended Cost Reports

The Division of Medicaid accepts amended cost reports if the cost report is submitted prior to the end of the reimbursement period in which the cost report is used for payment purposes. Amended cost reports must include all information in Section F. above; an explanation for the amendment; and workpapers for all forms that are being amended. Each form and schedule submitted should be clearly marked "Amended" at the top of the

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. <u>DRG Relative Weights</u>

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, there were no changes to the relative weights between V.32 and V.32-33. Version 32 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.32.
- 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

may be applied to increase or decrease these relative weights. Policy adjustors are typically implemented to ensure that payments are consistent with efficiency and access to quality care. They are typically applied to boost payment for services where Medicaid represents a large part of the market and therefore Medicaid rates can be expected to affect hospitals' decisions to offer specific services and at what level. Policy adjustors may also be needed to ensure access to very specialized services offered by only a few hospitals. By definition, policy adjustors apply to any hospital that provides the affected service. The five policy adjustors are described below and the specific values of each are reflected in Appendix A:

- <u>Obstetrics, neonates and normal newborns</u> Th<u>eseis</u> adjustor<u>s</u> was were set so that payments for these care categories would be (in aggregate) approximately 100% of estimated hospital cost.
- 2. <u>Mental health pediatric</u> This adjustor was set so that payments to freestanding psychiatric hospitals would be approximately budget-neutral in aggregate and therefore not impact access to care across the state because Medicaid patients represent a substantial portion of the patient census at freestanding psychiatric hospitals and provided over half of inpatient psychiatric care for pediatric patients in 2009. The pediatric mental health policy adjustor applies to stays at both freestanding and general hospitals.
- 3. <u>Mental health adult</u> This adjustor was set to mitigate the impact of the decrease in payment that would occur during the shift from per diem payment to DRG

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. <u>Rehabilitation</u> 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. <u>Transplant</u> 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 July 1, 20152016) was set at a budget-neutral amount per stay based on the analysis of 109,968110,156 hospital inpatient stays from the period July 1, 2013-2014 through June 30, 20142015, along with the adjustment of parameters in Appendix A. These stays were originally paid under the APR-DRG payment methodology using the 3M V.29-30 and V.30 31 algorithms. A series of data validation steps were undertaken to ensure that the new analytical dataset

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.<del>32</del>-<u>33</u> algorithm and policy adjustors as described in Paragraph E were <u>changed\_determined\_and</u> applied to achieve budget neutrality. Within this payment method structure, the APR-DRG base price then determines the overall payment level. By applying the payment method calculations to the <u>109,968110,156</u>-stay analytical dataset, the budget-neutral APR-DRG base price of \$6,415 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.

# STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### State of Mississippi Title XIX Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement Plan

# APPENDIX A

# **APR-DRG KEY PAYMENT VALUES**

The table below reflects key payment values for the APR-DRG payment methodology described

in this Plan.

| Payment Parameter  | Value          | Use   |  |  |  |
|--|----------------|---|--|--|--|
| APR-DRG version  | V. <u>3233</u> | Groups every claim to a DRG                           |  |  |  |
| DRG base price   | \$6,415        | Rel. wt. X DRG base price = DRG base payment          |  |  |  |
| Policy adjustor – obstetrics and normal newborns                               | 1.50           | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |  |  |  |
| Policy adjustor – neonate  | 1.45           | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |  |  |  |
| Policy adjustor – mental health pediatric                                      | 2.00           | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |  |  |  |
| Policy adjustor – mental health adult  | 1.60           | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |  |  |  |
| Policy adjustor – Rehabilitation   | 2.00           | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |  |  |  |
| Policy adjustor – Transplant   | 1.50           | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |  |  |  |
| DRG cost outlier threshold   | \$50,000       | Used in identifying cost outlier stays                |  |  |  |
| DRG marginal cost percentage   | 50%            | 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                       |  |  |  |
| Transfer status – 82 – transfer to hospital with planned readmission           | 82             | Used to identify transfer stays                       |  |  |  |
| Transfer status – 85 – transfer to other with planned readmission              | 85             | Used to identify transfer stays                       |  |  |  |
| Transfer status – 91 – transfer to long-term hospital with planned readmission | 91             | Used to identify transfer stays                       |  |  |  |
| Transfer status – 93 – transfer to psychiatric hospital with planned           | 93             | Used to identify transfer stays                       |  |  |  |
| Transfer status 94 - transfer to critical access hospital with planned         | 94             | 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                   |  |  |  |

# STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### State of Mississippi Title XIX Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement Plan

Appendix B

Out-of-State Hospital Transplant Services' Case Rates Effective October 1, 2012July 1, 2016

| Column                         | А   | В  | С   | D   | Е   | F   | G                                      | Н  | Ι                      | J                             | K                                  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Transplant                     | 30 Days<br>Pre-<br>Transplant<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | Procurement<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges  | Hospital<br>Transplant<br>Admission<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | Physician<br>During<br>Transplant<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | 180 Days<br>Post<br>Transplant<br>Discharge<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | Total<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges*<br>Sum of A<br>through E | Case Rate<br>F X 40%                   | Difference<br>of<br>F - G                    | Max<br>Outlier<br>Days | Hospital<br>Length<br>of Stay | Outlier<br>Per-<br>Diem<br>H÷I     |
| Single Organ/Tissue            |   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |                        |                               |                                    |
| Bone Marrow                    | <u>\$41,400<u>\$5</u></u>                                     | <del>\$38,900<u></u>\$55,</del>              | <u>\$419,600\$</u>  | <u>\$22,400<u>\$2</u></u>   | <u>\$259,800</u>  | <u>\$782,100</u>  | \$312,840                              | <u>\$469,260\$</u>                           | 60                     | 33                            | \$7,82                             |
| Allogeneic                     | 7,600   | <u>700</u>                                   | <u>479,600</u>  | <u>3,400</u>  | <u>290,300</u>  | <u>906,600</u>  | \$362,640                              | <u>543,960</u>                               | 00                     | 55                            | \$9,06                             |
| Bone Marrow<br>Autologous      | 44 <u>,600<u>56,3</u><br/>00</u>                              | 18,200 <u>10,70</u><br>0                     | <del>198,200<u>21</u><br/><u>2,300</u></del>                        | 10,800  | <del>84,900<u>81,8</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                                  | <del>356,700<u>37</u><br/><u>1,900</u></del>                    | 142,680 <u>1</u><br><u>48,760</u>      | <del>214,020<u>22</u><br/><u>3,140</u></del> | 60                     | 20                            | <del>3,567<u>;</u><br/>.71</del> 9 |
| Cornea                         | 0   | 0  | 16,500 <u>20,0</u><br>00  | 7 <u>,9008,600</u>  | 0   | 24,400 <u>28,6</u><br><u>00</u>                                 | 9 <del>,760<u>11,</u><br/>440</del>    | <u>14,64017,1</u><br><u>60</u>               | 60                     |                               | 244 <u>2</u>                       |
| Heart                          | 47,200 <u>50,9</u><br><u>00</u>                               | 80,400 <u>97,20</u><br>0                     | <del>634,300<u>77</u><br/><u>1,500</u></del>                        | <u>67,70088,6</u><br><u>00</u>                                    | 137,800 <u>19</u><br><u>8,400</u>   | 967,400 <u>1,2</u><br>06,600                                    | 386,960 <u>4</u><br>82,640             | 580,440 <u>72</u><br><u>3,960</u>            | 60                     | 40                            | 2,06                               |
| Intestine                      | 55,100 <u>78,9</u><br><u>00</u>                               | 78,500 <u>92,10</u><br>0                     | 787,900 <u>95</u><br>2,900  | <u>104,10011</u><br><u>2,400</u>                                  | 146,600 <u>27</u><br>2,700  | 1,172,200 <u>1</u><br>,509,000                                  | 4 <u>68,8806</u><br><u>03,600</u>      | 703,320 <u>90</u><br>5,400                   | 120                    | <del>70<u>79</u></del>        | <del>5,861</del><br>,54            |
| Kidney                         | 17,000 <u>23,2</u><br>00                                      | <u>67,20084,40</u><br><u>0</u>               | <del>91,200<u>119,</u><br/><u>600</u></del>                         | 18,500 <u>20,5</u><br>00  | <del>50,800<u>66,8</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                                  | 244,700 <u>31</u><br>4,500                                      | 97,880 <u>12</u><br>5,800              | 146,820 <u>18</u><br>8,700                   | 30                     | 7                             | 4,894<br>,29                       |
| Liver                          | 25,400 <u>37,3</u><br>00                                      | 7 <u>1,00095,00</u>                          | 316,900 <u>39</u><br>9,100  | 4 <del>6,600<u>53,1</u><br/>00</del>                              | <del>93,900<u>128,</u><br/>900</del>  | 553,800 <u>71</u><br>3,400                                      | 221,5202<br>85,360                     | 332,280 <u>42</u><br>8,040                   | 60                     | 21                            | 5,538<br>,13                       |
| Lung - Single                  | 10,300 <u>21,8</u><br>00                                      | 73,100 <u>90,20</u><br>0                     | 302,900 <u>43</u><br>5,200  | 33,500 <u>44,6</u><br>00  | 117,700 <u>16</u><br>5,800  | 537,500 <u>75</u><br>7,600                                      | 215,000 <u>3</u><br>03,040             | 322,500 <u>45</u><br>4,560                   | 60                     | <del>19<u>21</u></del>        | <del>5,375</del><br>,57            |
| Lung - Double                  | 21,400 <u>30,7</u><br>00                                      | 90,300 <u>129,7</u><br>00                    | 4 <u>58,50056</u><br><u>6,900</u>                                   | <del>56,300<u>59,1</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                        | 142,600 <u>21</u><br>9,800  | 7 <del>69,100<u>1,0</u><br/>06,200</del>                        | 307,640 <u>4</u><br>02,480             | 4 <u>61,46060</u><br><u>3,720</u>            | 60                     | 30                            | 7,691<br>0,06                      |
| Multiple Organ                 |   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |                        |                               |                                    |
| Heart-Lung                     | <del>56,800<u>88,5</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                    | <del>130,500<u>168,</u><br/><u>700</u></del> | 777,700 <u>1,6</u><br>07,100  | <u>81,000108,</u><br><u>700</u>                                   | 169,100 <u>30</u><br>4,200  | 1,215,100 <u>2</u><br>,277,200                                  | 4 <del>86,040<u>9</u><br/>10,880</del> | 729,060 <u>1,3</u><br>66,320                 | 120                    | <u>4542</u>                   | 6,076<br>1,38                      |
| Intestine with other<br>Organs | <del>57,900<u>88,6</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                    | <del>172,700<u>236,</u><br/><u>400</u></del> | <del>795,900<u>1,0</u><br/><u>45,400</u></del>                      | <u>116,30013</u><br><u>2,800</u>                                  | 160,900 <u>29</u><br><u>7,400</u>   | 1,303,700 <u>1</u><br>,800,600                                  | <u>521,4807</u><br><u>20,240</u>       | 7 <u>82,2201,0</u><br><u>80,360</u>          | 120                    |                               | <del>6,518</del><br>,00            |
| Kidney- Heart                  | 4 <del>8,800<u>76,1</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                   | <del>123,600<u>136,</u><br/><u>000</u></del> | 813,000 <u>1,1</u><br>62,100  | 93,900 <u>132,</u><br>500   | 184,800 <u>29</u><br><u>6,500</u>   | 1,264,100 <u>1</u><br>,803,200                                  | 505,640 <u>7</u><br>21,280             | 758,460 <u>1,0</u><br><u>81,920</u>          | 120                    | 47 <u>54</u>                  | <del>6,321</del><br>,01            |
| Kidney-Pancreas                | 20,800 <u>35,9</u><br>00                                      | <del>102,500<u>123,</u><br/><u>300</u></del> | <u>194,90022</u><br><u>7,000</u>                                    | <del>34,700<u>35,2</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                        | <u>100,40011</u><br><u>4,700</u>  | 453,300 <u>53</u><br><u>6,100</u>                               | <u>181,3202</u><br><u>14,440</u>       | 271,980 <u>32</u><br><u>1,660</u>            | 60                     | <del>12<u>11</u></del>        | 4 <del>,533</del><br>,36           |
| Liver-Kidney                   | 46,800 <u>60,8</u><br>00                                      | <del>117,500<u>161,</u><br/><u>500</u></del> | 574,100 <u>64</u><br><u>4,500</u>                                   | <del>83,100<u>86,7</u><br/><u>00</u></del>                        | <u>180,10021</u><br><u>0,300</u>  | 1,001,600 <u>1</u><br>,163,800                                  | 400,640 <u>4</u><br><u>65,520</u>      | <u>600,96069</u><br><u>8,280</u>             | 60                     | <del>28<u>33</u></del>        | 10,01<br>11,63                     |
| Other Multi-Organ              | 75,400 <u>76,7</u><br>00                                      | <del>131,000<u>177,</u><br/><u>600</u></del> | 1,050,100 <u>9</u><br>26,100  | 139,500 <u>11</u><br>6,500  | 278,600 <u>28</u><br>8,600  | 1,674,600 <u>1</u><br>,585,500                                  | <u>669,8406</u><br><u>34,200</u>       | 1,004,760 <u>9</u><br>51,300                 | 120                    |                               | <del>8,373</del><br>,92            |

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- 10. General Information Survey.
- 11. For cost reporting periods ending on and after December 31, 2015, providers must combine Medicaid fee-for-service and Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) hospital inpatient and outpatient claims data (days, charges, etc.) from the respective Provider Statistical and Reimbursement Reports (PS&Rs) and report the amounts as one number throughout the cost report where Medicaid data is reported, including, but not limited to the Worksheets listed in numbers 5.a., 8, and 9 above. Providers must submit to DOM the CCO PS&Rs used for each cost reporting period original as part of the cost report submission.

by this plan to include those costs reported for Medicare reimbursement purposes such as depreciation, non-employee related insurance, interest, rent, and property taxes (real and personal). Operating costs are defined as total Medicaid costs less capital costs apportioned to the Medicaid Program. Medical education costs will not be included in the calculation of the inpatient cost-to-charge ratio used to pay outlier payments because these costs will be paid outside the APR-DRG payments as noted in section 4-1.O. of this plan. Those Mississippi hospitals that file a cost report with no Medicaid activity or that fail to provide all information listed in 2-1F., will be assigned the average inpatient cost-to-charge ratio for the bed class in which the hospital falls.

- 5. All desk review findings will be sent to the provider.
- 6. Desk reviews amended after the inpatient cost-to-charge ratio (CCR) is determined due to an amended cost report will be used only to adjust the CCR from the date the amended CCR is calculated and input into the MMIS, through the end of the current reimbursement period. No retroactive adjustments to cost outlier payments will be made as a result of the change to the inpatient CCR.

# 2-2 <u>Amended Cost Reports</u>

The Division of Medicaid accepts amended cost reports if the cost report is submitted prior to the end of the reimbursement period in which the cost report is used for payment purposes. Amended cost reports must include all information in Section F. above; an explanation for the amendment; and workpapers for all forms that are being amended. Each form and schedule submitted should be clearly marked "Amended" at the top of the

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. <u>DRG Relative Weights</u>

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, there were no changes to the relative weights between V.32 and V.33. Version 32 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.32.
- 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

may be applied to increase or decrease these relative weights. Policy adjustors are typically implemented to ensure that payments are consistent with efficiency and access to quality care. They are typically applied to boost payment for services where Medicaid represents a large part of the market and therefore Medicaid rates can be expected to affect hospitals' decisions to offer specific services and at what level. Policy adjustors may also be needed to ensure access to very specialized services offered by only a few hospitals. By definition, policy adjustors apply to any hospital that provides the affected service. The five policy adjustors are described below and the specific values of each are reflected in Appendix A:

- <u>Obstetrics, neonates and normal newborns</u> These adjustors were set so that payments for these care categories would be (in aggregate) approximately 100% of estimated hospital cost.
- 2. <u>Mental health pediatric</u> This adjustor was set so that payments to freestanding psychiatric hospitals would be approximately budget-neutral in aggregate and therefore not impact access to care across the state because Medicaid patients represent a substantial portion of the patient census at freestanding psychiatric hospitals and provided over half of inpatient psychiatric care for pediatric patients in 2009. The pediatric mental health policy adjustor applies to stays at both freestanding and general hospitals.
- Mental health adult This adjustor was set to mitigate the impact of the decrease in payment that would occur during the shift from per diem payment to DRG

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. <u>Rehabilitation</u> 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. <u>Transplant</u> 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 July 1, 2016) was set at a budget-neutral amount per stay based on the analysis of 110,156 hospital inpatient stays from the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. These stays were originally paid under the APR-DRG payment methodology using the 3M V.30 and V.31 algorithms. A series of data validation steps were undertaken to ensure that the new analytical dataset

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.33 algorithm and policy adjustors as described in Paragraph E were determined and applied to achieve budget neutrality. Within this payment method structure, the APR-DRG base price then determines the overall payment level. By applying the payment method calculations to the 110,156-stay analytical dataset, the budget-neutral APR-DRG base price of \$6,415 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.

| Payment Parameter  | Value    | Use   |
|--|----------|---|
| APR-DRG version  | V.33     | Groups every claim to a DRG                           |
| DRG base price   | \$6,415  | Rel. wt. X DRG base price = DRG base payment          |
| Policy adjustor – obstetrics and normal newborns                               | 1.50     | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |
| Policy adjustor – neonate  | 1.45     | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |
| Policy adjustor – mental health pediatric                                      | 2.00     | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |
| Policy adjustor – mental health adult  | 1.60     | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |
| Policy adjustor – Rehabilitation   | 2.00     | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |
| Policy adjustor – Transplant   | 1.50     | Increases relative weight and payment rate            |
| DRG cost outlier threshold   | \$50,000 | Used in identifying cost outlier stays                |
| DRG marginal cost percentage   | 50%      | 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                       |
| Transfer status – 82 – transfer to hospital with planned readmission           | 82       | Used to identify transfer stays                       |
| Transfer status – 85 – transfer to other with planned readmission              | 85       | Used to identify transfer stays                       |
| Transfer status – 91 – transfer to long-term hospital with planned readmission | 91       | Used to identify transfer stays                       |
| Transfer status – 93 – transfer to psychiatric hospital with planned           | 93       | Used to identify transfer stays                       |
| Transfer status 94 – transfer to critical access hospital with planned         | 94       | 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                   |

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**Appendix B** Out-of-State Hospital Transplant Services' Case Rates Effective July 1, 2016

| Column                         | А   | В   | С   | D   | Е                              | F   | G                    | Н                         | T                      | I                             | Κ                              |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Transplant                     | 30 Days<br>Pre-<br>Transplant<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | Procurement<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | Hospital<br>Transplant<br>Admission<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | Physician<br>During<br>Transplant<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges | 180 Days<br>Post<br>Transplant | Total<br>Average<br>Billed<br>Charges*<br>Sum of A<br>through E | Case Rate<br>F X 40% | Difference<br>of<br>F - G | Max<br>Outlier<br>Days | Hospital<br>Length<br>of Stay | Outlier<br>Per-<br>Diem<br>H÷I |
| Single Organ/Tissue            |   |   |   |   |                                |   |                      |                           |                        |                               |                                |
| Bone Marrow<br>Allogeneic      | \$57,600  | \$55,700                                    | \$479,600   | \$23,400  | \$290,300                      | \$906,600   | \$362,640            | \$543,960                 | 60                     | 33                            | \$9,066                        |
| Bone Marrow<br>Autologous      | 56,300  | 10,700                                      | 212,300   | 10,800  | 81,800                         | 371,900   | 148,760              | 223,140                   | 60                     | 20                            | 3,719                          |
| Cornea                         | 0   | 0   | 20,000  | 8,600   | 0                              | 28,600  | 11,440               | 17,160                    | 60                     |                               | 286                            |
| Heart                          | 50,900  | 97,200                                      | 771,500   | 88,600  | 198,400                        | 1,206,600   | 482,640              | 723,960                   | 60                     | 40                            | 12,066                         |
| Intestine                      | 78,900  | 92,100                                      | 952,900   | 112,400   | 272,700                        | 1,509,000   | 603,600              | 905,400                   | 120                    | 79                            | 7,545                          |
| Kidney                         | 23,200  | 84,400                                      | 119,600   | 20,500  | 66,800                         | 314,500   | 125,800              | 188,700                   | 30                     | 7                             | 6,290                          |
| Liver                          | 37,300  | 95,000                                      | 399,100   | 53,100  | 128,900                        | 713,400   | 285,360              | 428,040                   | 60                     | 21                            | 7,134                          |
| Lung - Single                  | 21,800  | 90,200                                      | 435,200   | 44,600  | 165,800                        | 757,600   | 303,040              | 454,560                   | 60                     | 21                            | 7,576                          |
| Lung - Double                  | 30,700  | 129,700                                     | 566,900   | 59,100  | 219,800                        | 1,006,200   | 402,480              | 603,720                   | 60                     | 30                            | 10,062                         |
| Multiple Organ                 |   |   |   |   |                                |   |                      |                           |                        |                               |                                |
| Heart-Lung                     | 88,500  | 168,700                                     | 1,607,100   | 108,700   | 304,200                        | 2,277,200   | 910,880              | 1,366,320                 | 120                    | 42                            | 11,386                         |
| Intestine with other<br>Organs | 88,600  | 236,400                                     | 1,045,400   | 132,800   | 297,400                        | 1,800,600   | 720,240              | 1,080,360                 | 120                    |                               | 9,003                          |
| Kidney- Heart                  | 76,100  | 136,000                                     | 1,162,100   | 132,500   | 296,500                        | 1,803,200   | 721,280              | 1,081,920                 | 120                    | 54                            | 9,016                          |
| Kidney-Pancreas                | 35,900  | 123,300                                     | 227,000   | 35,200  | 114,700                        | 536,100   | 214,440              | 321,660                   | 60                     | 11                            | 5,361                          |
| Liver-Kidney                   | 60,800  | 161,500                                     | 644,500   | 86,700  | 210,300                        | 1,163,800   | 465,520              | 698,280                   | 60                     | 33                            | 11,638                         |
| Other Multi-Organ              | 76,700  | 177,600                                     | 926,100   | 116,500   | 288,600                        | 1,585,500   | 634,200              | 951,300                   | 120                    |                               | 7,928                          |

\* Total reimbursement cannot exceed one-hundred percent (100%) of the sum of billed charges as published by *Milliman* in columns A-E.

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