

HOSPITAL INPATIENT APR-DRG ALERT – July 1, 2026 Updates

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) is proposing the following changes to the hospital inpatient APR-DRG payment methodology effective for the payment of hospital inpatient claims for discharges on and after July 1, 2026:

1. Adopt Version 43 (V.43) of the Solventum APR-DRG Grouper and Hospital-Specific Relative Value (HSRV) weights
2. Re-center V.43 HSRV weights to a population Case-Mix Index (CMI) of 1.0
3. The following APR-DRG parameters will be updated:
 - a. Base Payment – will change from \$5,400 to \$5,608
 - b. Neonate policy adjustor – will change from 1.60 to 1.44
 - c. DRG Cost Outlier Threshold – will change from \$66,000 to \$88,000

When using a calendar year 2024 claims data set, DOM estimated the overall impact of the above changes would be a savings of \$13,418 in state and federal funds.

Please keep in mind that hospitals are not required to purchase Solventum software for payment of claims; however, all hospitals that have purchased the Solventum software should ensure their internal systems are updated to reflect all changes that occur for hospital discharges beginning on and after July 1, 2026.