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Hospital DRG Rebase and Rate Increase

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Dear Hospital Administrators,

DRG Rebase

OHCA is in the process of completing the annual rebase of DRG base rates and weights. It was the intent of OHCA to implement the update October 1, 2019, but implementation has been postponed due to the delayed release of Medicare grouper (MS-DRG V37) by CMS. CMS posted the Medicare grouper on October 1, 2019. OHCA needs additional time to calculate the updated base rates and weights. Another reimbursement notice will be sent once the DRG weights and base rates are updated. Claims will be recycled once the rates are updated. Thank you for your patience with this process.

5% Rate Increase

OHCA plans to implement a 5% provider rate increase at the same time as the DRG rebase. Once the above DRG weights and base rates are calculated the rate increase will also take effect October 1, 2019. This change effects all DRG hospitals. The base rate and DRG weights will not increase by exactly 5% due to the increase occurring at the same time as the annual DRG rebase. Outpatient rates are already increased 5% effective October 1, 2019.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me by email at <u>ProvReimb@okhca.org</u> or by phone at (405) 522-7454.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.