



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

December 29, 2014

To: All Out-of State and Border General Acute Care Hospitals

Re: Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement

Dear Provider:

Pursuant to Section 17b-239 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and Public Act 13-234, section 76, the Department is implementing a new reimbursement methodology using All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRGs). The prospective inpatient Medicaid rates for out-of-state and border hospitals listed below are effective for admissions on or after January 1, 2015 and are based on Connecticut statewide averages.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Rate. Rows include APR-DRG Base Rate (\$7,855.63), Behavioral Health Per Diem Rate (DRG 740 - 776) (\$1,050.00), Rehabilitation Per Diem Rate (DRG 860) (\$1,370.00), and Cost to Charge Ratio used in Outlier Calculations (0.34700).

Please note that charges for hospital based physicians must not be reported on the inpatient claim as these costs are not a component of the APR-DRG base rate. Physicians will need to be enrolled in a professional billing group to enable separate billing and reimbursement. See Provider Bulletins 2014-68 and 2014-79 for further information on physicians/practitioners and APR-DRGs in general.

Additional information, including the APR-DRG weight table and payment calculator, is available on two DSS websites. To access the first website, go to http://www.ct.gov/dss, select "About Us", scroll down and select "Reimbursement and Certificate of Need Division", then "Medicaid Hospital Reimbursement and Reimbursement Modernization". To access the second website, go to https://www.ctdssmap.com, and select "Hospital Modernization".

Any questions or correspondence should be directed to Roberta Cecil of the Reimbursement and Certificate of Need unit at 860-424-5932 or Roberta.Cecil@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kathleen M. Brennan

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