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# Medicaid Alert

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**TO:** Hospitals – Chief Financial Officers of Acute Care General Hospitals  
Route to – Patient Account Managers and Medical Records – For Action  
Managed Care Organizations – For Information Only

**SUBJECT:** Transition from AP-DRG Version 34 to APR- DRG Version 41

**PURPOSE:** Consistent with previous announcements, this is to formally notify all New Jersey Acute Care General Hospitals reimbursed via DRG Methodology that NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid will move from utilization of AP-DRG v34 to APR-DRG v41 for Reimbursement of Inpatient Hospital Claims.

**BACKGROUND:** Beginning with Inpatient Hospital Discharges on or after January 1, 2018, NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid has utilized the 3M AP-DRG v34 Grouper for Reimbursement of Acute Care General Hospital Inpatient Claims.

**ACTION:** Effective for Inpatient Hospital Discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2025, NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid will utilize the 3M APR- DRG v41 Grouper for Reimbursement of Acute Care General Hospital Inpatient Claims.

The transition to APR-DRGs NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid will also include the use of national DRG Weights. These Weights have been calibrated to maintain budget neutrality. The version 41 APR-DRGs and Weights are available on the NJMMIS.COM web site under the DRG Pricing Header on the Rate and Code Information Link.

For questions regarding this Alert, providers can contact the Office of Hospital Reimbursement via email @ [MAHS.Hospitalissues@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:MAHS.Hospitalissues@dhs.nj.gov), or via telephone at 609-434-2379.

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