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TO: Maryland Hospital Chief Financial Officers
CC: Case Mix Liaisons Contacts
FROM: Oscar Ibarra, Chief, Program Administration and Information Management
SUBJECT: Updates to the Data Collection Requirements for the Inpatient & Outpatient Case Mix Discharge Data Tapes

In response to comments from the hospital industry, HSCRC staff have added a new code to the Rate Center variable in the Inpatient and Outpatient Case Mix Discharge data submissions. This memo describes the new Rate Center code.

The effective date for the inclusion of this new code is July 1, 2011; however, we strongly recommend that hospitals incorporate this change to the inpatient and outpatient data with the FY 2011 Q3 final submission, due June 21st, to ensure accurate collection of these data elements by the effective date.

New Rate Center Code for “Ungroupable”

Effective July 1, 2011, all Maryland acute hospitals will be required to use the new “Ungroupable” Rate Center (89) code for the Inpatient and Outpatient Case Mix Discharge data submissions to indicate revenue and units not identified and properly mapped to a rate center defined by the HSCRC. The new “Ungroupable” (89) rate center will replace use of unassigned rate center codes, such as “99” or “0,” in the case mix data submissions. Use of the rate center code “Ungroupable” (89) will establish consistency among hospital reporting of ungroupable case mix data and assist with the case mix to financial rate center reconciliations.

The changes to the data requirements are outlined below:

Inpatient:

In Record Type 3:

(71.1b-71.10b) Rate Center Code
Add: Ungroupable 89

Outpatient:

In Record Type 2:

(50.1b-50.10b) Rate Center Code
Add: Ungroupable 89

Reminder: Medicaid ID, Patient Account and Ambulance Run Numbers

In a memo dated March 9, 2011, HSCRC staff described the following changes to the data submission requirements as of July 1, 2011:

- Addition of the Medicaid ID Number to the Inpatient and Outpatient Case Mix Discharge data
- Addition of the Patient Account Number to the Inpatient Case Mix Discharge data
- Expansion of the Ambulance Run Number in the Inpatient and Outpatient Case Mix Discharge data

This is a reminder that hospitals are encouraged to include these additional data elements with the FY 2011 Q3 final submission, due June 21st, to ensure accurate collection of these data elements by the July 1st effective date.

A summary of the changes to the data requirements related to these elements are outlined below:

Inpatient:

In Record Type 4:

Data Element #	Position	Description	Rules
175 - 185	11	Medicaid ID Number	Alpha-numeric, left justified
186 - 203	18	Patient Acct Number	Numeric, left justified
204 - 214	11	Ambulance Run Number	Current rules apply

Outpatient:

In Record Type 1:

Data Element #	Position	Description	Rules
282 - 292	11	Medicaid ID Number	Alpha-numeric, left justified
409 - 419	11	Ambulance Run Number	Current Rules Apply

Attached to this memo is an electronic version of the regulation, including all amendments made during the past fiscal year. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact me at 410-764-2566.