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Date:            June 26, 2023

To:              Hospital Chief Financial Officers and Case Mix Liaisons
From:            Claudine Williams, Principal Deputy Director, HDMI

Subject:         **FY 2023 Q4 Data Forum Follow-up**

Thanks to all who participated in the FY 2023 Q4 Data Forum held on June 9, 2023. Below is a summary of what was discussed and next steps.

## Announcements

**New Center:**  Staff reviewed the new Center for Healthcare Data Management and Integrity (HDMI) team.  This included the team members and the points of contacts (slide 4-6).

**Grouper Transition:** Staff reviewed the grouper versions that will be applied to the IP, OP and PPC case mix data for RY 2023 and 2024 (slide 7).

- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2023):** IP Weights: 37.1; OP Weights: 3.15; IP weights use CY 2019 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2019 – Q1 CY 2020 (15 months). These weights are applied to the following policies:

  - CY 2021 12-month Market Shift

  - CY 2022 6-month Market Shift

  - RY 2023 Demographic Adjustment

  - RY 2021 ICC Volume

- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2023):** IP Weights: 38; OP Weights: 3.16; IP weights use CY 2019 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2019 – Q1 CY 2020 (15 months). **Weights for FY 2023 are now available on the HSCRC website (https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/gbr-adjustments.aspx) under "Market Shift Adjustments."**

  These weights are applied to the following policies:

  - CY 2022 12-month Market Shift

  - CY 2023 6-Months Market Shift

- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2024)**:  IP Weights 39; OP Weights: 3.17; IP weights use CY 2021 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2022 – Q1 CY 2023 (15 months). Weights for FY 2024 to be available in November 2023.

  These weights are applied to the following policies:

- CY 2023 12-month Market Shift
- RY 2025 Demographic Adjustment
- RY 2022 ICC Volume

**Grouper Transition:** Staff reviewed the grouper versions that will be applied to MHAC, RRIP, QBR for RY 2025.

- **MHAC/RRIP/QBR (CY 2023):** APR DRG and PPC version 40; current CGS version. **Note:** RY 2025 policies begin January 1, 2023, in most cases. Base and performance periods are detailed on slide 8.

- **Number of Diagnosis and Procedure Codes used in all Groupers:**

| Grouper | Number of Diagnosis Codes Used | Number of Procedure Codes Used |
|---|---|---|
| **IP APR DRG & MS DRG** | Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary) | Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary) |
| **OP APR DRG (Obs cases >23 hrs)** | Up to 50 (Principal + 49 Secondary) | N/A |
| **IP PPC** | Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary) | Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary) |
| **OP EAPG** | 1 (Primary Diagnosis) | All procedures listed in Type III record |

**PPC Updates and Feedback:** Staff reviewed the login procedure for PPC documentation and new PPC feedback submission procedure on 3M's HIS support site (slide 9).

**Quality Update:** Staff provided an update on quality-related data initiatives (slide 10). Additionally, staff reviewed the new eCQM measures that will be required or optional for the upcoming calendar years and the timeline for reporting the measures (slides 11-13).

**CDS-A Reports**: Staff reminded all participants that the CDD-A Report is available on the CRISP Portal (slides 15-16). This report allows hospitals to review growth in the cost of outpatient infusion and chemo-therapy drug utilization for outlier dosage units based on 3rd Monthly case mix data in CRISP. The expectation is that hospitals will use this information to correct errors prior to submission of Quarterly case mix data. **Please be aware, hospitals will be subject to fines if any material error is found in a hospital's CDS-A audit.**

**Data Forum Survey:** Staff reminded all meeting participants to complete the survey in Survey Monkey (slide 17). The link will be sent on June 27, 2023. Please use this opportunity to provide the HSCRC staff feedback on the data forums. If you did not receive a link to the survey, please contact hscrcteam@hmetrix.com.

## Uncompensated Care (UCC) Data Collection Update

Staff provided an update on current data collection and processing to date (slide 19). Staff reminded participants about the preparation and data submission of UCC data from hospitals (slides 20). Staff also

reviewed notable data submission errors that were observed from the FY 23Q3 data (Slide 21).  Staff also discussed DSR and edit report updates for FY 2023 Q3 and Q4 (Slide 22-23).

## FY 2024 DSR Final Changes

Staff reviewed the final DSR updates which included some changes to the Inpatient, Outpatient and Psychiatric datasets (Slides 27-28).

*Inpatient Dataset*
- Non-Psychiatric days of service variable will be **optional**.
- **Remove** cross edit errors related to psychiatric days of service and non-psychiatric days of service.
- **Add** a new error: psychiatric days of service should not be greater than Length of Stay

*Psychiatric Dataset*
- **Adult** variable was given the value of 16 to align with the inpatient daily service value

*Inpatient and Outpatient dataset*
- **Add** a new variable "Arrival date" in Record Type 1

*Inpatient, Outpatient, and Psychiatric dataset*
- Baltimore Convention Center (210068) is **no longer a valid provider** for admission source or discharge disposition

## FY 2024 DSR Implementation Timeline

Staff reviewed timeline for submitting Test and Production Files (slide 29)

- **August 1, 2023 and onwards**
  - **FY 2024 test files** with **FY 2024 format**
  - Submit data with discharges on/after July 1
  - Submit to TEST folder
- **August 15, 2023**
  - **FY 2024 Jul** with **FY 2023 DSR Format**
  - Submit to PRODUCTION folder
- **September 15, 2023**
  - **FY 2024 Jul + Aug** with **FY 2023 DSR Format**
  - Submit to PRODUCTION folder
- **October 1, 2023 and onwards**
  - **FY 2024 Jul - Sept** with **FY 2024 DSR Format**
  - Submit to PRODUCTION folder

## Data Processing Vendor Update

Mary Pohl, representing hMetrix and Burton Policy, reported on data processing updates (slide 32).  Mary reminded hospitals to submit **monthly and quarterly production data** (data that is grouped and used by the HSCRC) to the **"Submit folder"** in RDS to process the monthly data (slide 27). hMetrix has instituted automated logic that can determine the type of file submitted. For **test data**, hospitals should submit to the **"Test folder"** in RDS. The Test Site is always available for testing (for instance for a new hospital coming on board or a system conversion). Mary also reported the Financial Reconciliation form is available to download from DAVE website 2 days after the quarterly data submission deadline.  Mary also reviewed the process to add new users (slide 33).

## Case Mix Review Vendor Update

Brenda Watson from Advanta Government Solutions, LLC., reviewed Point of Origin definition for non-healthcare facilities, clinic offices, physician offices, urgent cares, and court/law enforcement locations (Slide 35).  Brenda also reviewed Outpatient Case mix variances and what should be included in the internal coding quality review plans (Slide 36-39).

## Data Repository Vendor Update

Jen Vogel from St. Paul Group reminded participants of the recent updates to the Repository Data Submission (RDS) site including mapped drive functionality, SFTP capability, and the password reset portal (slides 41-42).

## EDDIE (Emergency Department Dramatic Improvement Effort)

Alyson Schuster announced a proposal with the intent to spur immediate actions to improve ED wait times. The proposal will have three measures reported monthly to begin in July or August: inpatient arrival to admission time, outpatient ED arrival to discharge time and EMS turnaround time.  This data will be used for public reporting.  The HSCRC will provide a reporting template with high level specifications.  This proposal was presented at the June 2023 Commission meeting.

## Upcoming Workgroups

Staff announced that the next Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) workgroup second meeting is planned for August or September. If you would like to participate you can reach out to Princess Collins at (Princess.Collins@maryland.gov). The next Quarterly Data Forum Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2023

If you have any agenda items, please send them to Oscar or me by Tuesday, August 29, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns about the topics discussed above, please contact me (Claudine.Williams@maryland.gov) or Oscar Ibarra (Oscar.Ibarra@maryland.gov).