



# Summary of GBR Transfer Adjustment

Payment Models Work Group Meeting  
Oct 1, 2014

# GBR Transfer Adjustments Recap

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- ▶ Payment Models Work Group and Transfer Subgroup meetings in June, July and August
- ▶ Focused on ensuring access to care for complex cases and patient protections
- ▶ Worked to develop transfer cases payment adjustments to GBR revenues based on variation from the baseline transfer rates to academic medical centers (AMCs)

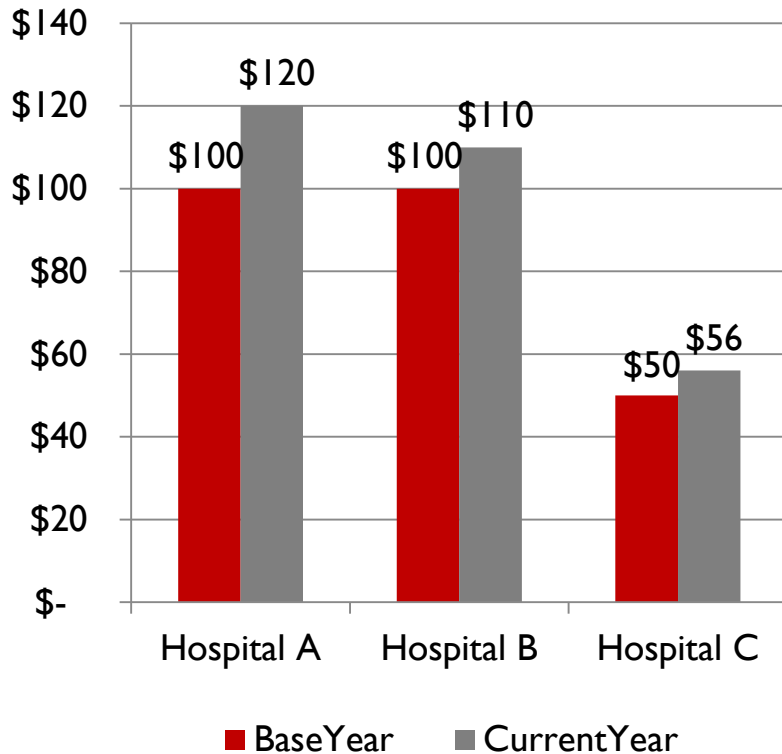
# Transfer Definitions

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- ▶ Transfers to University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) and Johns Hopkins University Hospital (JHH)
- ▶ Transfer from Inpatient and Emergency Departments
- ▶ Admission to AMCs within one day
- ▶ Exclusions
  - ▶ Categorical cases (transplants, research, burn etc)
  - ▶ Out of state patients
  - ▶ MDC-5 (Cardiology and cardiac surgery), psychiatric DRGs, and Rehabilitation DRGs

# Transfer Adjustment Example

## Total Adjusted Cost of Transfers



### Situation:

- ▶ **Hospital A:** 20% Increase, and at least 10 additional cases
- ▶ **Hospital B:** 10% increase and at least 10 additional cases
- ▶ **Hospital C:** 12% increase, 6 additional cases

### Proposed Adjustment:

*If State-wide Transfers  $\leq$  5%*

- ▶ **Hospital A:**  $20\% - 10\% = 10\%$  ;  $-\$10$
- ▶ **Hospital B:**  $10\% - 10\% =$  No Adjustments
- ▶ **Hospital C:** No Adjustments

*If State-wide Transfers  $>$  5%*

- ▶ **Hospital A:**  $20\% - 5\% = 15\%$  ;  $-\$15$
- ▶ **Hospital B:**  $10\% - 5\% = 5\%$  ;  $-\$5$
- ▶ **Hospital C:** No Adjustments

# Average Adjusted Transfer Cost

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- ▶ **Average Total Charge of Transfer Cases to UMMC and to JHH combined**
  - ▶ Separate cost calculations for transfers from ED and inpatient using base year data
  - ▶ Price Update
  - ▶ 50% Variable Cost Factor

# Measurement and Data Validation

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- ▶ Case level data has been sent to 22 sending hospitals and 2 AMCs
  - ▶ Expanding the window from same day to next day increased the false positives
    - ▶ 2% disagreement from sending hospitals (1% if we exclude Sinai Hospital which has 23%)
    - ▶ UMMC sent 30% additional cases (1,387), without any exclusions
    - ▶ JHH did not send case level results
  - ▶ Algorithm is verified, remaining issues with missing CRISP-IDs and hospital records of transfers

# Next Steps

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- ▶ Close look at CRISP-ID
- ▶ Update the trends for Jan-June 2014 time period
- ▶ Consider this policy in relation to the Market Share Analysis