

CLARIFICATION to the PUBLIC NOTICE posted 11/6/2018

Wyoming Department of Health

Wyoming Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement

Public notice is hereby given that effective February 1, 2019, the Wyoming Department of Health intends to make changes to the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan for inpatient hospital reimbursement.

The Wyoming Department of Health will be updating the inpatient hospital Medicaid payment methodology from level of care (LOC) to an All Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related Grouping (APR-DRG) methodology.

APR DRGs allow both providers and payers to categorize complex patient claims data into more than 1,200 unique groups for analysis and payment. WDH will use the APR DRG methodology to classify cases and to determine a prospective rate. This methodology will improve allocation of funds based on patient acuity. Similar to LOC payments, DRG payments will be made on a per discharge basis, with the continuing goal of encouraging the management of costs and efficiency.

The proposed changes update Wyoming Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19a, Level of Care Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement, and Chapter 30 of Medicaid Rules, Level of Care Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement.

Pursuant to House Enrolled Act No. 51 of the Sixty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Wyoming, 2019 General Session, implementation of the APR-DRG methodology will include an additional \$600,000 per year as appropriated specific to base rates for the in-state free standing psychiatric hospital peer group.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan Amendment will be available from the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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Dated this 21st Day of February, 2019