



Network Notification

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From: CareSource®
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Ohio Medicaid will be updating its inpatient classification system to All Patient Refined Diagnostic Related Groups (APR-DRGs), version 29. Compared to other DRG systems, the APR-DRGs, developed by 3M™, are more patient-focused and have been expanded to include:

- Reason for admission
- A severity-of-illness subclass with four levels that take patient age into account
- A risk-of-mortality subclass with four levels

The APR-DRG system is designed to be:

- Comprehensive and account for all payers, patients and ages, including pediatrics
- A more complete and accurate methodology for classifying patients, providing a basis for a more equitable and fair payment structure for services rendered

CareSource plans to switch to the APR-DRG system to be consistent with Ohio Medicaid. We will keep you updated as we learn more about timelines and implementation.