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Montana Medicaid Inpatient Hospital State Plan Amendment effective October 1, 2023

On or before December 31, 2023, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital State Plan Amendment effective October 1, 2023, for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

DPHHS proposes to adopt Version 40 of the 3M All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) grouper. This grouper update includes changes to DRG relative weights and average length of stays, adds some DRGs, and deletes other DRGs. The department proposes to increase the following base rates:

- General Hospitals increase to \$5,660.
- Centers of Excellence increase to \$8,430.
- Inpatient Rehabilitative Facilities increase to \$6,790.
- Long Term Acute Care Hospitals increase to \$7,640.

These changes to APR-DRG are projected to provide for an increase of \$6,944,413 for State Fiscal Year 2024.

We invite your public comments and questions **through October 20, 2023**. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena MT 59604-4210.