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APR-DRG Grouper Coding Reminder

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) would like to remind providers using APR-DRG grouper software that their respective versions must be configured to California Medi-Cal standards. There are generic versions that allow entering the birth weight or gestational age in a field to calculate the expected DRG code assignment. The submission to DHCS does not have these fields available, therefore the birth weight and gestational age must be included in the diagnosis codes to be considered in the determination of the DRG code assignment. Failure to include these diagnosis codes in the submission will cause a different DRG code assignment and payment amount by DHCS from the generic software version.

If you have further questions, please email us at: DRG@dhcs.ca.gov

Thank you,

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