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## **Implementation of All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Group pricing for inpatient hospital claims**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) line of business is adopting a new payment methodology for inpatient hospital services, All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG), effective for dates of discharge or “to” dates of service on and after January 1, 2017, consistent with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) ForwardHealth pricing methodology. The APR DRG payment methodology will replace the Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group classification system currently in place.

APR DRG pricing methodology uses national weights and will more appropriately price inpatient hospital claims. Detailed information about the APR DRG pricing methodology and implementation by DHS was published in the *ForwardHealth Update 2016-43*. Anthem will duplicate the APR DRG reimbursement methodology implemented by DHS. Consistent with state policy, Anthem will reimburse at the lesser of the APR DRG final payment calculation or submitted charges. The health plan will not reimburse any inpatient claims more than the sum of the amount charged. This aligns with Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups pricing policy.

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