

History of Target Area Changes

Short-Term Acute Care (ST) PEPPER

Expected Impact was calculated as:

[Target percent after the Change] – [Target percent before the Change], rounded to 0.1%

Release	Target Area	Description of Change	Expected Impact
Q4FY22	<i>Spinal Fusion</i>	Added outpatient claims for spinal procedures to the numerator and denominator.	<p>162 providers' target area percent increased</p> <p>612 providers' target area percent decreased</p> <p>26 providers' target area percent did not change</p> <p>225 providers gained or lost reportable data</p>
Q4FY19	<i>Single CC or MCC</i>	Corrected an issue with the programming logic to link counts of complications or comorbidities (CCs), major complications or comorbidities (MCCs), and the combination of both CCs and MCCs with diagnosis-related groups (DRGs) based on assignment due to either CC, MCC, or the combination of both.	<p>2,929 providers' target area percent increased</p> <p>23 providers' target area percent decreased</p> <p>2 providers' target area percent did not change</p> <p>121 providers gained or lost reportable data</p>
Q4FY18	<i>Excisional Debridement</i>	Additional DRGs were added to the list for numerator and denominator inclusion. Additional procedure codes were added to the list for numerator inclusion.	<p>1 provider's target area percent increased</p> <p>320 providers' target area percent decreased</p> <p>0 providers' target area percent did not change</p> <p>233 providers gained or lost reportable data</p>

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Q3FY17	<i>Two-Day Stays for Medical DRGs</i>	Additional exclusions added to the denominator. Denominator now also excludes patient discharge status codes 02 (discharged/transferred to other short-term hospital for inpatient care), 07 (left against medical advice), 20 (expired), and 82 (discharged/transferred to a short-term hospital for inpatient care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission).	2,880 providers' target area percent increased 1 provider's target area percent did not change
Q3FY17	<i>Two-Day Stays for Surgical DRGs</i>	Additional exclusions added to the denominator. Denominator now also excludes patient discharge status codes 02 (discharged/transferred to other short-term hospital for inpatient care), 07 (left against medical advice), 20 (expired), and 82 (discharged/transferred to a short-term hospital for inpatient care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission).	1,909 providers' target area percent increased 6 providers' target area percent decreased 77 providers' target area percent did not change
Q3FY17	<i>One-Day Stays for Medical DRGs</i>	Additional exclusions added to the denominator. Denominator now also excludes patient discharge status codes 02 (discharged/transferred to other short-term hospital for inpatient care), 07 (left against medical advice), 20 (expired), and 82 (discharged/transferred to a short-term hospital for inpatient care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission).	2,338 providers' target area percent increased 3 providers' target area percent decreased 7 providers' target area percent did not change 1 provider gained or lost reportable data
Q3FY17	<i>One-Day Stays for Surgical DRGs</i>	Additional exclusions added to the denominator. Denominator now also excludes patient discharge status codes 02 (discharged/transferred to other short-term hospital for inpatient care), 07 (left against medical advice), 20 (expired), and 82 (discharged/transferred to a short-term hospital for inpatient care with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission).	1,547 providers' target area percent increased 13 providers' target area percent decreased 66 providers' target area percent did not change

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Q3FY17	<i>Septicemia</i>	Denominator now includes simple pneumonia and respiratory failure DRGs.	2,566 providers' target area percent decreased 3 providers' target area percent did not change 1 provider gained or lost reportable data
Q1FY16	<i>Single CC/MCC</i>	Recognized CC exclusions as per table 6K of the inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) final rule	2,820 providers' target area percent increased 228 providers' target area percent decreased 96 providers' target area percent did not change 15 providers gained or lost reportable data
Q1FY16	<i>Excisional Debridement</i>	Effective with the Q1FY16 reporting quarter, identified excisional debridement (numerator) using International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) procedure codes	50 providers' target area percent increased 38 providers' target area percent decreased 0 providers' target area percent did not change 210 providers gained or lost reportable data
Q1FY16	<i>Spinal Fusion</i>	Effective with the Q1FY16 reporting quarter, identified spinal fusion procedures (numerator) using ICD-10 procedure codes. Identifies spinal procedures (denominator) using ICD-10 procedure codes.	340 providers' target area percent increased 541 providers' target area percent decreased 18 providers' target area percent did not change 201 providers gained or lost reportable data

Release	Target Area	Description of Change	Expected Impact
Q4FY15	<p><i>30-Day Readmissions to Same, 30-Day Readmissions to Same/Elsewhere</i></p>	<p><u>Numerator:</u> Now excludes discharges with patient discharge status code 07 (left against medical advice) from index and readmission admissions (previously included). Now excludes rehabilitation and primary psychiatric Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) diagnoses from count (all states). Previously excluded claims with International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision (ICD-9) principal diagnosis code V57 (rehab) and primary psychiatric diagnosis code for MD claims only.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u> Now excludes patient discharge status code 07 (left against medical advice) (previously included). Now excludes rehabilitation and primary psychiatric CCS diagnoses (all states). Previously excluded patient discharge status code 65 (discharge/transfer to inpatient psychiatric facility [IPF]) for Maryland claims only.</p>	<p>Most providers will notice slight to no impact.</p> <p>STACHs that have an IPF or IRF unit or that discharge a higher volume of patients to an IPF or IRF may notice a decrease in numerator/denominator count and/or target area percent.</p> <p><i>Readmission to Same/Elsewhere</i> 363 providers' target area percent increased 2,188 providers' target area percent decreased 401 providers' target area percent did not change 18 providers gained or lost reportable data</p> <p><i>Readmission to Same</i> 458 providers' target area percent increased 1,956 providers' target area percent decreased 297 providers' target area percent did not change 42 providers gained or lost reportable data</p>