

APR-DRG System Replacing AP-DRG System

The Department of Labor & Industries is planning to change its current DRG payment method based on All Patient Diagnostic Related Groups (AP-DRGs) to an All Patient Refined Diagnostic Related Groups (APR-DRGs) system. Implementation is currently scheduled for October 1, 2012.

The new APR-DRG system will apply to all providers and services currently paid via the AP-DRG method. L&I will use APR-DRG Grouper v29.0.

The department will maintain the July 1, 2012 AP-DRG Base Rates, DRG Weights, Per Diem Rates, High Outlier Thresholds and Low Outlier Thresholds in the new APR-DRG system wherever possible. The October 1, 2012 APR DRG rates will be effective through June 30, 2013.

We will periodically post updates to this web page as we move towards implementation.