

**Dear eClaimLink Providers and Payers,**

## **IR-DRG Implementation Timelines**

### **March 1st, 2017**

All providers must submit all inpatient transactions for EncounterType = 3 or 4 using the 6-digit IR-DRG codes starting on February 1, 2017 (based on transaction date). Inpatient transactions with an EncounterType = 3 or 4 without an IR-DRG code will be rejected starting on **March 1, 2017** (based on transaction date).

- “Inpatient is a beneficiary registered and admitted to a hospital for bed occupancy for purposes of receiving healthcare services and is medically expected to remain confined overnight and for a period in excess of 12 consecutive hours.”
- Transactions without an IR-DRG code will be rejected by the payer and/or third party administrator (TPA).
- Activities specified by IR-DRG codes that are submitted between March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 will be used for Shadow Billing purposes and must have a Net=0.
- All line item activities must be reported as a normal submission. Remittance advice will be based on the line item activities, not the IR-DRG code.
- One new denial code will be added to manage the rejection of inpatient transactions during the Shadow Billing period.
  - **CLAI-020** Missing IR-DRG code

### IR-DRG preparation

- IR-DRG specifications, technical requirements, and relevant presentations were published on eClaimLink on December 8, 2016.
- The QA environment has been modified to accept IR-DRG codes since February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- The link to the QA website is listed below:
  - <http://qa.eclaimlink.ae/>
- eClaimLink production environment will begin accepting IR-DRG codes starting March 1, 2017

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