



Appendix B

Diagnosis-related Group (DRG) Classifications

The diagnosis-related group (DRG) system uses the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision (ICD-9-CM) to organize diagnosis and procedure codes into a complex, comprehensive system based on a few simple principles. The ICD-9-CM is a publication of the World Health Organization that is widely used in the United States for hospital diagnosis classification. A DRG is one of 523 groups that classify patients into clinically cohesive groups that demonstrate similar consumptions of hospital resources and length-of-stay patterns. In 1983, Congress mandated a national hospital prospective payment system (PPS) for all Medicare inpatients. The PPS utilizes DRGs to determine hospital reimbursement. Since all cases in a DRG are clinically similar, DRGs are also used to evaluate the quality of care and the utilization of services.

DRG Classifications Used in Chapter 6 Profile: Hospital Discharges, 2001

- 89 Simple Pneumonia and Pleurisy (Age Greater than 17 with Complications and Comorbidities)
Principal Diagnoses Included: Pleurodynia, epidemic; Pneumonia, viral; Pneumonia, pneumococcal; Pneumonia, due to Hemophilus influenzae; Pneumonia, due to Streptococcus; Pneumonia, bacterial, unspecified; Pneumonia, due to other specified organism; Bronchopneumonia, organism unspecified; Pneumonia, organism unspecified, Influenza, with pneumonia; Pleurisy, without mention of effusion or current tuberculosis
- 116 Permanent Cardiac Pacemaker Implant or Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA) with Coronary Artery Stent Implant
Please see the DRG Guidebook for a complete listing of all principal diagnoses included in DRG 116
- 209 Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of the Lower Extremity
Principal Diagnoses Included: Replacement, hip, total; Replacement, hip, partial; Revision, hip replacement; Replacement, knee, total; revision, knee replacement; Replacement, ankle, total; Reattachment, foot; Reattachment, lower leg or ankle; Reattachment, thigh
- 373 Vaginal Delivery without Complicating Diagnoses
Please see the DRG Guidebook for a complete listing of all principal diagnoses included in DRG 373
- 391 Normal Newborn
Please see the DRG Guidebook for a complete listing of all principal diagnoses included in DRG 391
- 430 Psychoses
Principal Diagnoses Included: Schizophrenia; Psychoses, affective; State, paranoid; Psychosis, depressive type, nonorganic; Psychosis, excitative type, nonorganic; Psychosis, paranoid reaction, acute; Psychosis, paranoid, psychogenic; Psychosis, reactive, other and unspecified; Psychosis, nonorganic, unspecified; Psychosis, early childhood, other; Psychosis, childhood, unspecified
- 480 Liver Transplant
Principal Diagnoses Included: Transplant, liver, auxiliary; Transplant, liver

- 483 Tracheostomy Except for Face, Mouth and Neck Diagnoses
Principal Diagnoses Included: Any diagnosis except mouth, larynx, and pharynx disorders; and tracheostomy, mediastinal, tracheostomy, permanent; tracheostomy, temporary
- 504 Extensive Third Degree Burn with Skin Graft
Please see the DRG Guidebook for a complete listing of all principal diagnoses included in DRG 504

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