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Multi-State Plan Updates



New Prefixes

April XAA **PPA** Sunday 2018 **15** A1A A2A

Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG)

EAPG

Outpatient Payment Methodology

- **Effective 10/01/2016**
- Transitioning from current cost-plus methodology
- Eliminates cost report settlements
- Budget Neutral

 HOSPITAL

EAPG Methodology

Grouper

- Outpatient visit-based patient classification system designed by 3M.
- Assigns an EAPG to each claim detail line
- As of 09/01/16, each revenue line will require CPT/HCPC code and will have a front end edit to reject.



EAPG Methodology

Three Major Visit Types

- **Significant Procedure**
- Medical Visit
- **Ancillary Procedures**





EAPG Process



EAPG Payment

Methodology

Detail Line Provider EAPG Bundling/
Payment = Base χ Relative χ Discounting
Rate Weight /Adjusting



EAPG Payment Types

Line Level

Full Payment

Consolidated

Packaged

Discounted



EAPG Payment

Discounting

50%

Terminated Procedures

50%

Multiple Significant Procedure

50%

Repeat Ancillaries



Bilateral



EAPG Payment Modifiers

52 Terminated Procedure **73 Discontinued Procedures** Multiple Outpatient Hospital 27 **E&M** Encounters on the same day **50** Bilateral **59 Distinct Procedure**

EAPG Methodology

Ancillary Claim

СРТ	CPT Desc	APG	APG Descr	Payment Flag	Payment Action	Full APG Wght	% Pd	Allwd APG Wght	Ex. Base Rate	Paid Amt
70120	X-ray of mastoids	471	Plain Film	Ancillary	Full Payment	.1006	100%	.1006	\$500	\$50.30
								.1006		\$50.30



EAPG Methodology

Significant Procedure Claim

СРТ	CPT Desc	APG	APG Descr	Payment Flag	Payment Action	Full APG Wght	% Pd	Allwd APG Wght	Ex. Base Rate	Paid Amt
31545	Laryngoscopy w/scope	063	Level II Endoscopy of Upper Air Way	Significant Procedure	Full Payment	4.2931	100%	4.2931	\$500	\$2146.55
31515	Laryngoscopy w or w/o trach	062	Level I Endoscopy of Upper Air Way	Related Procedure	Consolidated	.8259	0%	0.00	\$500	\$0.00
42405	Salivary gland and duct incision	252	Level I Facial and ENT Proc	Unrelated Procedure	Discounted	2.3248	50%	1.1624	\$500	\$581.20
00322	Anesth, biopsy of thyroid	380	Anesthesia	Uniformly Pckgd Anc	Packaged	0.0736	0%	0.00	\$500	\$0.00
								5.4555		\$2727.75



EAPG Methodology Medical Visit Claim

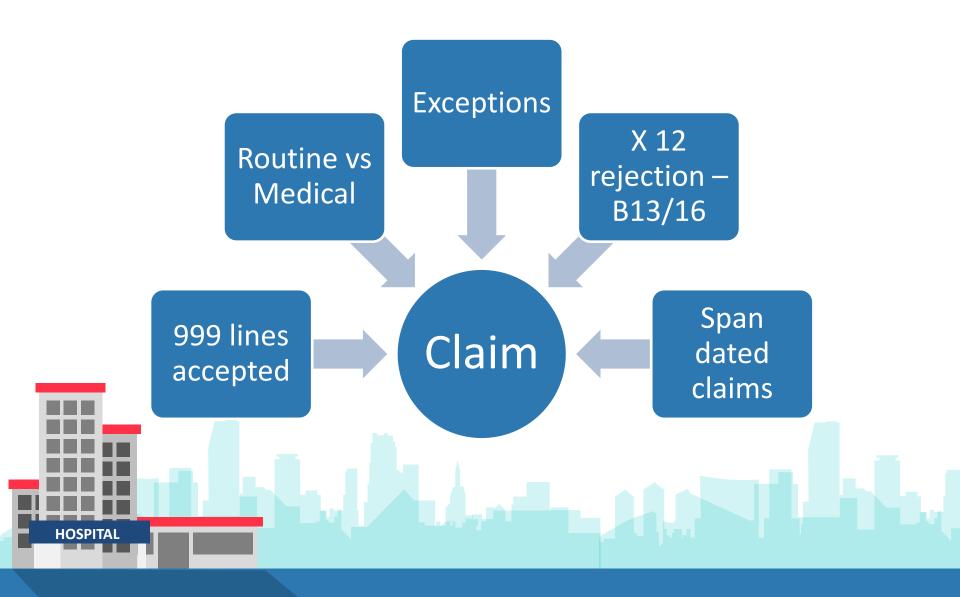
<u>EAPG</u>	Allowances	Rev Cd	<u>Units</u>	Proc Cd	Rev Charges Modifer	Prcg Rtn Cd	RARC	Weights
<u>999</u>	0.00	<u>255</u>	15		288	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>999</u>	0.00	<u>270</u>	5		110	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>403</u>	11.23	<u>300</u>	1	80053	315	9/6/2017	N670	0.0225
<u>408</u>	0.00	<u>300</u>	1	<u>85025</u>	100	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>401</u>	15.76	<u>301</u>	1	84484	112	9/6/2017	N670	0.0315
<u>406</u>	0.00	<u>305</u>	1	<u>85610</u>	34	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>471</u>	0.00	<u>324</u>	1	<u>71020</u>	315	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>299</u>	111.05	<u>351</u>	1	<u>70450</u>	2100	9/6/2017	N670	0.4442
<u>525</u>	136.30	<u>450</u>	1	<u>99285</u>	1200 <u>25</u>	9/6/2017	N670	0.2726
<u>297</u>	394.23	<u>611</u>	1	<u>70553</u>	3200	9/6/2017	N670	0.7885
<u>281</u>	139.28	<u>615</u>	1	70544	2100 <u>59</u>	9/6/2017	N670	0.5571
<u>496</u>	0.00	<u>636</u>	1	<u>S0164</u>	35	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>413</u>	0.00	<u>730</u>	1	<u>93005</u>	300	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>450</u>	0.00	<u>762</u>	12	<u>G0378</u>	600	9/6/2017	N390	
<u>288</u>	68.25	<u>921</u>	1	<u>93880</u>	515	9/6/2017	N670	0.2730
<u>403</u>	5.63	<u>300</u>	1	<u>80053</u>	350_	9/7/2017	N670	0.0225
<u>408</u>	0.00	<u>305</u>	1	<u>85027</u>	75_	9/7/2017	N390	
<u>496</u>	0.00	<u>636</u>	1	<u>S0164</u>	30_	9/7/2017	N390	
<u>496</u>	0.00	<u>636</u>	60	<u>J7512</u>	15_	9/7/2017	N390	
<u>450</u>	0.00	<u>762</u>	18	<u>G0378</u>	800_	9/7/2017	N390	
<u>Total</u>	881.73	<u>1</u>	0		12927			



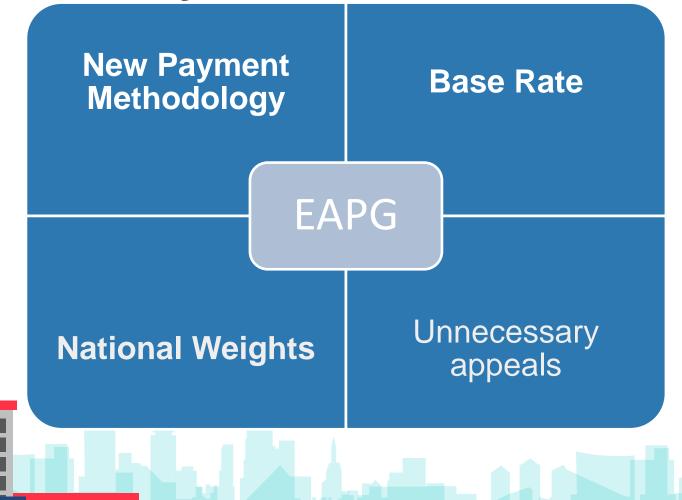
Remittances

Line Processing	CARC	Description	RARC	<u>Description</u>
				calculated based on an
				outpatient per diem or an
				outpatient factor and/or fee
full payment			N670	schedule amount.
		The benefit for this service is included in the		
		payment/allowance for another		
		service/procedure that has already been		Separately billed services/tests
		adjudicated. Note: Refer to the 835		have been bundled as they are
		Healthcare Policy Identification Segment		considered components of the
clinical similar		(loop 2110 Service Payment Information		same procedure. Separate
consolidation	97	REF), if present.	M15	payment is not allowed.
		The benefit for this service is included in the		
		payment/allowance for another		
		service/procedure that has already been		
		adjudicated. Note: Refer to the 835		
_		Healthcare Policy Identification Segment		
		(loop 2110 Service Payment Information		This service/report cannot be
no weight/packaged	97	REF), if present.	N390	billed separately.

All charges should be filed on one claim



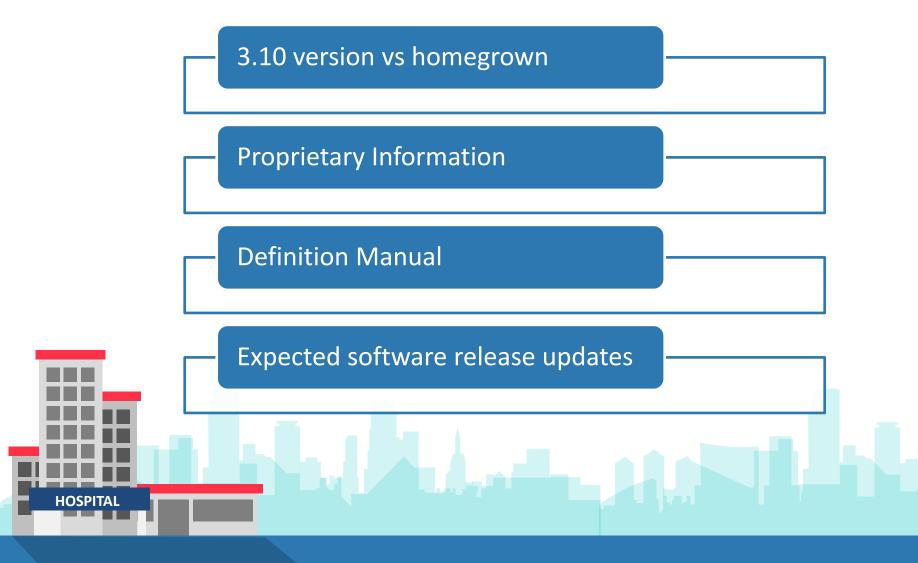
Third Party Administrators



Vendors



3M Software



Expected changes-Big Picture

Ancillaries expected to decrease

Significant Procedures expected to increase

Ambulance

Crofab (Snakebite)



Allowance greater than submitted charges

■ MEMR

This group complies with Healthcare Reform emergency room medical emergency benefits.

Benefits are provided for medical emergency care as follows:

In-Network: Facility - 100% of the allowed amount after a \$250.00 copay.

Example:

Provider base rate \$500

Submitted amount \$125.00

Weight .2985

Allowance: \$500 X .2985= \$149.25



Patient Responsibility = \$125

Paid amount = \$24.25

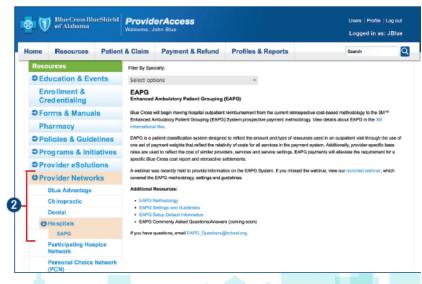
EAPG Webpage

1 Log in to *ProviderAccess*.

After logging in, select **Resources** from the main menu.

2 Select **Provider Networks**, then select **EAPG**, under **Hospitals**.







Questions?