

**Total Medical Expenses and Relative Prices**  
**Technical Call Summary**  
May 23 – May 26, 2011

- **Physician Group TME Reports**
  - Please email the Division at [tmerp@state.ma.us](mailto:tmerp@state.ma.us) with a point of contact that provider groups may call if they have questions about the numbers reported in their TME reports.
- Payers can and are encouraged to submit Relative Price test files through INET. Please email [tmerp@state.ma.us](mailto:tmerp@state.ma.us) with the file name if you submit a test file.
- **Updated ORGIDs**
  - An updated list has been sent to the tmerp email list and will be posted online shortly.
- The **3% payment threshold** for reporting physician group and other provider Relative Price data refers to 3% of claims and non-claims payments (total payments).
- **Mental Health professionals** such as psychologists and social workers should not be included in the physician group data
  - Include in “Other provider” data
  - Psychiatrists (MD) are included in physician group data
- **Service Multiplier Indicator** (HOM008 and HOS008)
  - For the network-level indicator, payers should enter a “2” if the data are a blend of calculated and negotiated rates.
- **Inpatient Multiplier** (HOM009)
  - The ratio of actual paid claims to claims repriced to the standard fee schedule is a correct way to report these data.
- **Total Inpatient Payments** (HOM010)
  - The Division will calculate the sum of claims and non-claims payments.
  - Payers should report one amount for each “claims” and “non-claims.”
- **Inpatient Relative Price Calculation Example, Col. D2**
  - Col. D2 are the product adjusted hospital base rates – the adjusted base rates weighted by the product mix for each for each insurance category code and hospital type code.
  - Element D3 is the average of each product adjusted hospital base rate in the payer’s network.
- **Aggregate Data Reporting for Other Providers**

- New ORGIDs have been supplied in the PGM004, PGS004 and PGP004 data fields to be used when reporting other providers in the aggregate
  - An updated Submission Guide has been sent to the tmerp email list.
  - An updated RP Data Specification Manual with these changes will be posted on the Division's website on Tuesday
- **New Sample Certification Statements** are now posted on the Division's website for both TME and Relative Prices.