



Policy Statement

To: Hospital Administrators
Hospital CFOs
Consultants

From: Sonia D. Chambers, Chair *Sonia D. Chambers*

Date: November 29, 2007

Re: **Policy Statement 2007-2**
Implementation of MS-DRGs

This policy statement is issued to clarify the Authority's position with respect to the implementation of MS-DRGs on the rate application.

As you are aware, Medicare Severity DRGs (MS-DRGs) were implemented for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2007. It is the position of the West Virginia Health Care Authority that all data is to be submitted to the Authority using the most current Medicare grouper. Therefore, beginning with discharges on October 1, 2007, all data shall be submitted to the Authority using version 25 of the Medicare Grouper (MS-DRGs). Hospitals shall continue to submit all data using Medicare Grouper version 25 until such time as a new version is released.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Skeen, Director of Rate Review.