

# New MS-DRGs now Available on MHA's COMPdata!

The New Medicare Severity-DRGs are now available on MHA's COMPdata!

These new MS-DRGs are the most dramatic restructuring of Diagnosis Related Groups in the inpatient prospective payment system since its inception. The restructuring took effect with October 1, 2007 discharges.

The new MS-DRGs will have a significant impact on hospital data analysis, reimbursement, and strategic planning.

In order to better understand the changes and assist COMPdata subscribers in their transition, COMPdata now includes 6 quarters of data (January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) with new MS-DRG assignments.

By allowing hospitals to utilize both MS-DRGs and DRGs in COMPdata reports, COMPdata subscribers will be positioned to better understand the DRG to MS-DRG crosswalk and severity assignments.

The following changes highlight the dramatic shifts in analysis that will impact hospitals:

- Expansion of Groupings from 538 DRGs to 745 MS-DRGs
- Almost all DRGs are assigned a different MS-DRG number requiring constant use of cross-walks to understand changes and trends
- The MS-DRG has 3 complication levels which will be the basis of payment:
  - o MS-DRG without complication or comorbidity
  - o MS-DRG with complication or comorbidity (CC)
  - o MS-DRG with major complication or comorbidity (MCC)

## RESOURCES

Please contact the COMPdata Hotline at [compdata@ihastaff.org](mailto:compdata@ihastaff.org) or 866.262.6222 with any questions related to the MS-DRGs.

The COMPdata Manual (available on-line when accessing COMPdata) has also been updated with useful information related to MS-DRGs.

Check the Training portion of the COMPdata Website [www.compdatainfo.com](http://www.compdatainfo.com) soon to register for Webinars related to MS-DRGs