This provider alert is being issued to notify Medicaid hospital providers of the update to the All Patient Related Diagnosis Group (APR-DRG) software, effective January 1, 2020. In accordance with Nebraska Administrative Code (NAG) Title 471 10-010.03B1a, Nebraska Medicaid updated the APR-DRG software application that assigns patients into categories based on severity of illness and risk of mortality, to grouper version 36, and a re-scaled version 36 of the 3M national weights. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will mirror the aforementioned update for hospital claims with discharge date of January 1, 2020, and thereafter.

What This Means for You
Starting Jan. 1, 2020, we'll reimburse claims for acute inpatient hospital services - with a discharge date of Jan. 1, 2020 or thereafter - using the new rates outlined by Nebraska Medicaid. All other hospital acute inpatient payment components and methodologies - such as outlier, direct and indirect medical education, capital per diem, transplant, etc. - remain unchanged.

We're Here to Help
If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at 866-331-2243. Thank you.