

The base price for inpatient hospital DRGs for 2011 is \$5,584.12. The current Medicare payment regulations provide this base price for all Montana DRG-paid hospitals. This is important because the Department's proposal to tie work comp payments to Medicare is showing 2010 prices proposed for 2011. We believe that the policy of using Medicare payments should include using current prices. The Department had not crafted an outpatient proposal yet, as they had not completed the background work. Of course we would expect that current information is used in that case too.

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