

Update to Hospital-Acquired Condition Policy **Effective November 1, 2025**

Florida Blue is updating its Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HAC) policy, which uses the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services list of HAC categories and the current version of the Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRG) grouper program (updated annually). Effective November 1, 2025, a corresponding payment reduction will be applied to commercial inpatient claims from participating acute care hospitals that receive outlier reimbursement based on a percentage of charges.

This change expands the existing policy, which currently applies only to MS-DRG inlier claims. The HAC portion of the payment policy focuses on preventing high cost, high volume, or both, hospital-acquired conditions that are avoidable through the application of evidence-based guidelines. This update does not affect inpatient commercial claims from non-participating providers or inpatient claims for Truli for Health hospitals receiving Medicare reimbursement.

Important Reminders

Providers are required to submit a Present on Admission (POA) indicator for each diagnosis code being reported on an inpatient claim.

The submitted POA will be used to assign an appropriate MS-DRG if a selected HAC was present on admission. If a HAC reimbursement reduction is applied to an inpatient acute care hospital claim, providers should not bill or attempt to collect any reduction in allowance from the member.

For additional information, please refer to the policy available online at [FloridaBlue.com](https://www.floridablue.com). Select *For Providers*, then *Tools and Resources*, and navigate to *Medical & Pharmacy Policies and Guidelines – Payment Policies*.