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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – INPATIENT  
HOSPITAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)

V. Ongoing Maintenance

As a part of ongoing maintenance of the payment system, the OVHA will change the following rate setting components either separately or in combination:

A. Annually

1. The DRG Grouper used to group claims. If a new DRG grouper includes a new DRG for which the OVHA does not have a relative weight assigned, the OVHA will use the Medicare relative weight until such time as all DRG relative weights are updated.
2. The factors representing length of stay in payments for psychiatric cases made to eligible hospitals.
3. The Cost to Charge Ratio assigned to each hospital for use in establishing claim outlier status

B. At least once every four years

1. The base period of claims and Medicare Cost Report(s) used to establish DRG relative weight values
2. The DRG Relative Weight Values
3. The inflation factor used to best represent current costs
4. The Fixed Outlier Value
5. The Outlier Payment Percentage