



# HealthSystems OF MISSISSIPPI

## ANNOUNCES...

### **Delay of APR/DRG Implementation**

### **Revision of Admission Certification Forms**

### **Effective Immediately**

### **Implementation of APR-DRGs Postponed**

The Division of Medicaid (DOM) has announced that implementation of All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRGs) as the new Medicaid payment methodology has been postponed. Implementation will not occur on January 1, 2007, as previously scheduled. Providers should follow existing procedures for certification for admission and concurrent review. We will provide you with additional information on this subject as DOM finalizes their plans for implementation of the new reimbursement system.

### **Revised Admission Review Request Forms**

Due to postponement of the new reimbursement system, we have revised the inpatient admission review request form to again include the number of days requested for certification. The form is located in the HSM Inpatient Acute Care Provider Manual posted on the HSM Web site at [www.hsom.org](http://www.hsom.org) under "Publications". If you are unable to download and/or access the policy and procedure manual via HSM's Web site and need a hard copy, please fax a written request on company letterhead that includes your facility Medicaid provider number to HSM at (601) 360-4967.

If you have questions about these revisions, please call the HSM Help-line for assistance Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (866) 740-2221. If you are in the Jackson metropolitan area, please call the HSM Help-line at (601) 360-4949.