September 2007 Risk Adjustment User Group Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: September 19, 2007

Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST

In Attendance:

Panelists: Henri Thomas, Sean Creighton, Louis Johnson, Mary Guy, Joyce Pedigo, Sheila Young and Tiffany Valery.

(Participants should reference the PowerPoint slides when reviewing the notes from the User Group Session.)

Topics:

Payment Process

Submission Deadline

Data submitted by September 7, 2007 for dates of service July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 will be reflected in the 2008 initial (January) payment.

ICD-9 and Medicaid Status Reporting for 2009 Payment Year

The 2008 Payment Notice outlined changes in the ICD-9 codes. It provided an implementation schedule that included a one year delay and will begin in 2009.

Changes to the requirements for reporting Medicaid status, as outlined in the 2008 Payment notice, will be discussed during the October User Group session.

Centralized Risk Adjustment Division Email Box

CMS established an email mailbox specifically for Risk Adjustment payment related questions for the Division of Risk Adjustment Operations (DRAO). Instead of plans emailing questions to individual staff members, emails and files should

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be directed to the new email address. This email box will serve as a centralized location for all Risk Adjustment payment related questions. DRAO staff will check this box daily and respond to the questions. The new Risk Adjustment email address is: raf_payment_questions@cms.hhs.gov

Sweep Date

CMS will announce the Sweep Date for the initial 2008 payment once it has occurred. Plans may refer to the CSSC website (www.csscoperations.com) for updates on the Sweep Date.

Data Validation

Calendar Year 2006

The submission deadline for medical records was August 17, 2007 for those plans selected for the 2006 data validation project. However, the Initial Validation Contractor (IVC) will continue to accept medical records until the medical record log-in process has been completed. Any plans with outstanding records should submit them to the IVC immediately.

Plans should remember to maintain the evidence or support documentation necessary to validate their diagnostic data submissions. If plans do not provide supporting documentation, they are in violation of regulations and will be considered for payment adjustment on that basis.

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Calendar Year 2005

The Second-level Validation Contractor (SVC) has completed its review of the medical records. The SVC also has received responses from organizations that CMS contacted to confirm physician data sources to validate credentials and to confirm physician names that were unclear in the documentation.

Both the IVC and SVC medical record reviews were merged and are currently undergoing analysis and quality assurance. CMS anticipates releasing results to the selected organizations (those involved in the review) later in the fall.

Calendar Year 2004

CMS distributed the plan-specific findings to the MA organizations that participated in the targeted sample on July 12, 2007.

CMS conducted a teleconference on August 29, 2007 with the plans that participated in the national sample and communicated the national results for the Calendar Year 2004 pre-reconciled medical record reviews.

There are two sample types for the 2004 Data Validation; targeted and national samples. Sharing of the medical record review results is performed prior to the reconciliation of any payment files for the 2004 payment year.

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Operations Update

Stand-alone PDP

Stand-alone PDP plans are not required to submit Risk Adjustment data.

However, PDPs are required to submit prescription drug data.

Duplicate 502 Error Status Update

The 502 Duplicate Error percentage rate for all files received in August 2007 was 7.72%.

Training Update

Monthly Training

Registration is currently open for the September and October Enrollment and Payment and Risk Adjustment Monthly Trainings sessions that will be held at CMS in Baltimore, MD.

The dates for Enrollment and Payment Monthly Training are:

– September 25 and October 30

The dates for Risk Adjustment Monthly Training are:

– September 26 and October 31

The schedule for the 2008 Monthly Training sessions will be announced some time in December 2007. Visit www.medicaretraining.net to review the latest updates for these sessions and to register online.

Next User Group meeting scheduled: Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

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