

2009

Risk Adjustment User Group



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Questions & Answers

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Payment Issues

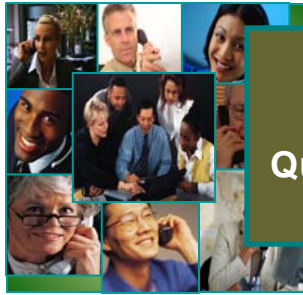
1. Q. When can plans expect CMS to implement the fix on the Monthly Membership Report (MMR), where the CMS system assigned a default risk factor to beneficiaries with risk scores?
 - A. CMS expects to implement the fix in May and will reflect the adjustments in the May payment reports.
2. Q. Is the 2010 capitation rate adjustment the result of the data intensity audits?
 - A. The 2010 Announcement outlines the basis of the adjustment in the capitation payment. Plans may download the 2010 Announcement on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/AD/list.asp#TopOfPage>
3. Q. If a plan has a claim with an inpatient stay that starts with a date of service in 2008 and ends with a date of service in 2009, for risk adjustment purposes in what year does the data apply?
 - A. The data will apply to the 2009 year if discharge occurred in 2009. For risk adjustment purposes inpatient stays apply to the discharge date.
4. Q. If an inpatient stay is longer than 30 days and spans throughout two years, how should plans submit this data?
 - A. Plans should submit the data from the inpatient discharge date. The 30 day requirement applies to outpatient and physician provider types 10 and 20 and does *not* apply to inpatient provider types 01 and 02. Plans may access the Submission module of the Risk Adjustment Participant Guide for additional information at http://www.csscooperations.com/new/usergroup/2007raps/ra-participantguide_120607.pdf .

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Data Validation

CMS is streamlining the process of responding to RADV questions and is requesting plans to submit all RADV questions to Ann Marshall's email address at, ann.marshall@cms.hhs.gov. Plans submitting RADV questions to other email boxes may result in a delayed response.

Other

1. Q. Plans that currently have new staff are interested in sending the new staff to the 2009 Regional Risk Adjustment training. When will CMS send information on the 2009 Regional Risk Adjustment training?
 - A. CMS has no plans to conduct the annual regional training for 2009 or 2010. Plans may use the Risk Adjustment training materials posted on the CSSC website, <http://www.cssoperations.com/new/usergroup/traininginfo.html> to train new staff. CMS anticipates posting the updated training materials in May of 2009.

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