



April 2007 Risk Adjustment User Group Questions & Answers

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Payment Issues

1. Q: Is there a crosswalk available to identify facilities where taxonomy codes and NPI codes are replacing Medicare provider numbers?
A: A crosswalk will be made available during the June Regional training in the training materials.

2. Q: Were risk score calculations based only on RAPS data submitted for all members of the health plan?
A: The risk score was based on all data submitted including fee-for-service data captured through the National Medicare Utilization Database (NMUD).

4. Q: How are risk score calculations done for plans new to programs in 2007?
A: Use the 2007 Monthly Membership Report (MMR) for projections.

5. Q: Is the taxonomy code used for crosswalk optional?
A: Yes. However, the plan will have to determine a facility type.

6. Q: Did the 2005 ESRD missed assignments include false positives or false negatives?
A: Both. There were a number of combinations that were tracked and recomputed.



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Data Validation

1. Q: Is a physician signature card acceptable to verify credentials for data validation?
A: Yes. Plans can also use office stationery that lists physicians associated with signatures on medical records.

2. Q: What clinical signs and/or narratives support ICD9-CM codes?
A: It is not mandatory to list ICD9-CM codes on medical records, but the record needs the appropriate medical documentation that supports ICD9-CM code in order to render an appropriate code and the signature from the appropriate, certified face-to-face provider.

Operations Update

1. Q: Does the file size limitation of 1 million records per day also apply to vendors?
A: The file size requirement applies to all submitters, including vendors.

2. Q: Are PDE records considered in the daily file size limitation of 1 million records?
A: No