

2009

Risk Adjustment User Group



August Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: August 19, 2009

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

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

Topics:

Payment Process

Payment-Related Question

If an MA enrollee goes from hospice to non-hospice in the middle of the month, will the MA plan receive its full payment retroactive to the first of that month?

No, CMS bases payment to plans on the status of the beneficiary as of the first of the month.

Data Validation

2007 Data Validation Updates

- Pilot – CMS completed the first phase of the pilot audit. As part of the second phase, MA organizations participating in the pilot audit received corrected medical record attestation submission notices. CMS allowed the MA organizations four additional weeks to submit additional medical records and attestations of certain preliminary errors. The deadline to submit attestation data is September 16, 2009.

On August 10, 2009, CMS conducted a teleconference with organizations selected for the pilot to discuss phase two of the process. Healthcare Management Solutions (HMS) and CMS subject matter experts will continue to provide organizations with assistance during the audit.

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CMS distributed preliminary discrepant data findings to organizations participating in the pilot.

- Random – CMS anticipates conducting a RADV random sample in 2009.
- National Sample – CMS uses the National Sample to determine the Part C error rate. CMS is conducting the analysis of the data submitted by selected organizations.
- Target Sample – CMS notified selected organizations in November 2008. The instruction packet will include information on the attestation dispute and appeals process, and CMS intends to distribute the instruction packets within the next two months.

CMS will conduct RADV audit training for selected organizations in Baltimore, MD. CMS will allow organizations to ask questions during the training. Upon completion of training, CMS will distribute the organizations' actual data.

Operations Update

Initial Submission Deadline

The initial submission deadline is September 4, 2009. If plans submit data with dates of service July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 by the initial submission deadline, then, CMS will issue payment for that data on January 1, 2010.

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Verifying Diagnosis of Recently Enrolled Beneficiary

What should a plan do to verify diagnosis codes that triggered HCCs for a beneficiary enrolled in a different plan at the time the data was submitted?

The plan should contact the previous plan to obtain information as it pertains to the newly enrolled beneficiary.

Technical Assistance Update

Next User Group meeting scheduled: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. EST.

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