



May 2007 Risk Adjustment User Group Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 16, 2007

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

In Attendance:

Panelists: Sean Creighton, 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

2007 Mid-Year Payment

CMS is currently on schedule to make mid-year updates to risk payments in the July payment run. CMS is in the process of checking to make sure the CMS systems are providing the expected results before applying the mid-year risk factor updates to the July payment.

2006 Final Payment

The 2006 final reconciliation payment is on schedule. CMS has run the 2006 final risk factors. Following completion of the 2007 mid-year payment, CMS will test the application of the 2006 risk scores to the payment system for August.

2004 and 2005 Reconciliation Model Output Reports(MORs)

The 2004 and 2005 Reconciliation MORs should be available in July. CMS will provide further information on the file names when it becomes available.



May 2007 Risk Adjustment User Group Meeting Notes

2005 and 2006 ESRD Reconciliation

CMS is still in the process of testing the system and completing fixes to correct the databases for erroneous ESRD status, both false positives and false negatives, for various beneficiaries. For example, a beneficiary that is in dialysis that should be in post-graft status. At this time, CMS does not have a schedule for the 2005 and 2006 ESRD reconciliation.

Community/Institutional Factors

From January through March 2007, all beneficiaries were paid at the Community rate due to a systems problem; and Institutional factors were not applied. CMS corrected the error in April 2007, which led to some payment adjustments for Part C. This should not affect Part D payment because the database and logic that created the system problem for Part C is not applied to the Institutional Factor for Part D.

502-Error Rate

CMS appreciates the plan's efforts in reducing 502 duplicate errors. CMS reviewed 502-error rate reports for the last period and the rate of duplicate diagnosis cluster errors decreased significantly to 5 to 10 percent.

However, in May there were some plans with very large files that had extremely high 502-error rates (e.g., 60 and 90 percent duplicates on files). Some plans may have already received letters and others will be getting letters shortly regarding the 502-error rate issue and the need for corrective action plans. If the high rates continue and corrective action has not occurred for plans that CMS previously contacted, CMS may deny submission for those plans.

A training initiative presented by





May 2007 Risk Adjustment User Group Meeting Notes

Responding to Payment Questions

Due to reduced staff resources, CMS has not been responding to some payment questions as quickly as it has in the past due. However, CMS is in the process of increasing staff resources and hopes to begin responding to plans' payment questions in a more timely manner.

Data Validation

Calendar Year 2006

Calendar Year 2006 Data Validation is for dates of service in 2005. The selection process is in progress and plans should receive notification no later than May 31.

If a plan received an email from tking@ascellon.com dated May 14, 2007 at 10:57 a.m. with the subject line "THGFFF", the plan should ignore this email notification. Ascellon Corporation was testing its email system for the 2006 notification process and sent the May 14 email message in error.

Official notification to plans will include a clear subject line indicating selection and definitive timeline.

Calendar Year 2005

The 2005 medical record reviews are in progress. The Second Validation Contractor (SVC) received all identified medical records from the Initial Validation Contractor (IVC).

Mary Guy will be contacting certain MA organizations to request confirmation of provider credentials for the discrepant medical record review.

A training initiative presented by





May 2007 Risk Adjustment User Group Meeting Notes

Calendar Year 2004

CMS has completed the Quality Assurance process for the 2004 Data Validation and will inform plans of plan-specific findings in June 2007. In addition, CMS will hold a teleconference with MA plans in July 2007, to communicate the national results.

Operations Update

Resolution to Most Common Edits from FERAS

The table below provides the three most common errors received from FERAS and how to resolve the errors.

Resolutions to Common FERAS Edits

Error Code	Error Code Description	Resolution
113	Duplicate File ID within last 12-months	Check the AAA record field 2, positions 4 through 9. Verify that the file ID being used has not been accepted in either 'TEST' or 'Production' within the last 12 months.
311	At least one DX Cluster is required on transaction	Check the CCC record, fields 9 through 18, and ensure at least one diagnosis cluster is present. If error was received on the FERAS report, the error was performed on the first and last CCC record on each batch within the file.
400	Missing/Invalid Provider Type on CCC record	Check the CCC record to ensure the correct provider type is present. If error was received on the FERAS report, the error was performed on the first and last CCC record on each batch within the file.



**May 2007
Risk Adjustment
User Group
Meeting Notes**

Resolution to Most Common Edits from RAPS

The table below provides the three most common errors received from RAPS and how to resolve the errors.

Resolutions to Common RAPS Edits

Error Code	Error Code Description	Resolution
406	Service From Date is not within Medicare Entitlement Period	MA organizations can reduce the number of errors that are returned due to invalid eligibility by accessing MARx to determine eligibility and other demographic information. Implementing the following procedures can reduce time spent on resolving errors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a monthly validation protocol verifying eligibility of plan's enrollees. • Program internal information systems that cross check MARx before submitting data to FERAS.
407	Service Through Date is not within Medicare Entitlement Period	
408	Service From Date is not within Plan's enrollment period	
409	Service Through Date is not within Plan's enrollment period	
410	Beneficiary is not enrolled in Plan on or after service from date	

Training Update

Regional Training

The schedule of dates and locations for the Regional Training are as follows:

Dates	Location
June 18-22, 2007	Chicago, IL
June 25-27, 2007	Baltimore, MD
August 7-9, 2007	Las Vegas, NV

Individuals can register at www.medicaretraining.net under the About Training section on the website.

Due to the June Regional Training session, the June 2007 User Group session is cancelled.

