

# 2007/08 Risk Adjustment User Group



July 2008  
Questions & Answers

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## Payment Issues

1. Q: When will CMS provide additional guidance on plan-level adjustments for data validation?  
A: CMS will present further information on plan-level adjustments and data validation at the 2008 Regional Technical Assistance sessions.
  
2. Q: When can plans expect payment associated with 2006 dates of service submitted by January 31, 2008?  
A: Plans will receive payments in August 2008, for data stored by January 31, 2008.
  
3. Q: Is the 1.029 factor for someone in a transplant status (risk adjustment factor type code G2) from the July 2008 Monthly Membership Report (MMR) accurate?  
A: No. The ESRD factor for 2005-2007 was 1.016, and is 1.01 for 2008. This factor should be correct on your MMR.
  
4. Q: When will CMS provide a Model Output Report (MOR) for the 2007 Final Reconciliation payment?  
A: CMS will provide the MOR for 2007 Final Reconciliation by August 1, 2008. Plans can find out about the status of the MOR in the week-at-a-glance report distributed to plan systems staff.

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## Data Validation

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- Q: After performing an audit and submitting an encounter, can a plan submit new codes instead of requesting that the provider resubmit them?

A: Plans may submit the new data directly through the RAPS format providing that the medical records support the new codes.
- Q: Are place of service codes 12 (patient's home), 13 (assisted living facility), and 14 (group home) acceptable for risk adjustment when an outside physician or skilled care specialist sees the members/patients?

A: Institutional bills for place of service 12, 13, and 14 are not acceptable for risk adjustment. However, physician bills are acceptable if the physician or specialist is on the acceptable list. Plans may refer to module 3 (i.e., Data Collection) in the 2007 Risk Adjustment Data Regional Training Materials posted at [www.csscooperations.com](http://www.csscooperations.com) for additional details.

## Operations Update

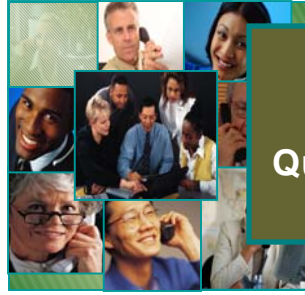
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- Q: When will NPI become a mandatory field?

A: CMS has no plans for NPI to be mandatory at this time. Plans should use NPI to verify acceptable Medicare providers for submitting risk adjustment.

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2. Q: Can plans set up a system to correct RAPS data online without using a vendor?
- A: Yes, as long as you have connective through the AT&T Global Network, plans can correct RAPS data by submitting files using the secure web site, Direct Data Entry (DDE) or by submitting the RAPS format using FTP or Connect: Direct.

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