

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



June 2008
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: June 11, 2008

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

In Attendance:

Panelists: Henri Thomas, Sean Creighton, Mary Guy, Chanda McNeal, Louis Johnson, 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

Planned Payment Report (PPR)

The Automated Plan Payment System (APPS) produces the PPR or Payment Letter and itemizes final monthly payments to Managed Care Organizations (MCO) as part of the month-end process.

- Plans can review the Plan Communications User Guide, Version 3.1 (April 18, 2008), Appendices, Section I, pages I-39 through I-43 at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MMAHelp/02_Plan_Communications_User_Guide.asp#TopOfPage.

Budget Neutrality Factor

The Budget Neutrality Factor is calculated as the difference between payments under 100 percent of the risk adjustment method (i.e., under the CMS-HCC Model) versus payment under 100 percent of the demographic only method. Plans may review the phase-out schedule for Budget Neutrality in this month's User Group PowerPoint slides.

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Data Validation

Calendar Year (CY) 2007

The sampling phase for CY 2007 is in progress and includes sampling for a Pilot as well as the Standard Data Validation between June and August 2008.

CY 2006

The Quality Assurance stage for the CY 2006 Data Validation is in progress. CMS anticipates the results in early fall 2008.

CY 2005

CY 2005 Data Validation is in the Appeals Process stage and the projected date for completion is July 2008.

Operations Update

Common Error

The Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) will reject diagnosis clusters with error code 411 if the date of discharge is after the date of death. Plans may not change the date of discharge on an inpatient claim. However, plans can change the date of discharge for risk adjustment submission, if the hospital refuses to change the discharge date (through date) to the date of death.

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Technical Assistance Update

Monthly Sessions

Space is limited for the remaining 2008 monthly sessions. To register for monthly Risk Adjustment Technical Assistance Sessions, go to www.TARSC.info and select the registrations link.

The upcoming monthly sessions are:

Monthly Session	Dates
Risk Adjustment	Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Enrollment and Payment	Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Regional Sessions

The Regional Technical Assistance Session registration is open. Plans can register online at www.TARSC.info by clicking on the registrations link at the bottom of the home page. Register this week to receive special reduced hotel room rates. The locations and dates are:

Location	Dates	Technical Assistance Sessions Offered
Chicago, IL	August 11 – August 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Adjustment• Enrollment and Payment• Prescription Drug Event
Las Vegas, NV	August 26 – August 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Adjustment• Enrollment and Payment• Prescription Drug Event
New Orleans, LA*	September 9 – September 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Adjustment• Enrollment and Payment

*Note: New Orleans is for Enrollment and Payment and Risk Adjustment Sessions only.

Next User Group meeting scheduled: Wednesday, *July 16, 2008*, at 1:30 pm EST.

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