

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



May 2008
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 14, 2008

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

In Attendance:

Panelists: Sean Creighton, Lateefah Hughes, Mary Guy, Joyce Pedigo, and Tiffany Valery.

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

Topics:

Payment Process

Calculating Risk Factors and Verifying Risk Scores

Plans can calculate risk adjustment factors and verify risk scores for members.

Resources to assist plans include:

- Risk adjustment model software available on the CMS website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06_Risk_adjustment.asp
- 2007 Regional Risk Adjustment Data Participant Guide is available on the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) Operations website at www.csscooperations.com
- 2008 Monthly or Regional Technical Assistance Sessions (register at www.TARSC.info)

In order to be included in the risk scores, diagnoses must submit by the submission deadlines, the submitted diagnoses must be relevant, and they must be accepted by the sweep date.

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Proposed Rule for Encounter Data

The proposed Inpatient Prospective Payment System rule regarding collecting encounter data clarifies CMS' authority to collect data and expand the types of plans to collect data from such organizations as religious fraternal benefit organizations and Medicare Savings Accounts.

Data Validation

Calendar Year (CY) 2007

The development of the CY 2007 Data Validation sample is currently in progress. CMS anticipates contacting the selected MA organizations beginning in late May or early to mid-June.

CY 2006

The Initial Validation Contractor (IVC) and Second Validation Contractor (SVC) have completed their medical record reviews for the CY 2006 Data Validation sample and are currently in the analysis stage. CMS anticipates reporting the findings to MA organizations in early to mid-summer.

CY 2005

CMS has begun reviewing CY 2005 Data Validation appeals. Please be aware that the review of appeals may take longer than expected due to the larger than expected volume of appeals.

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Operations Update

Non-Compliance Letters

Non-compliance letters were submitted to plans that exceeded the 502-edit benchmark. Plans may monitor their 502-edit activity by viewing the RAPS Duplicate Diagnosis Cluster Report, which only identifies diagnosis codes with the 502-edit message.

CSSC Holiday Observance

The CSSC will close in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2008.

Technical Assistance Update

Monthly Sessions

Space is limited for the monthly Technical Assistance Sessions.

Plans may register for the limited spaces at www.TARSC.info and select the registrations link.

The upcoming monthly sessions are:

Monthly Session	Dates
Enrollment and Payment	Wednesday, May 28, 2008
Risk Adjustment	Wednesday, June 25, 2008

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Regional Sessions

The Regional Technical Assistance Sessions registration is now open. Plans can register online at www.TARSC.info by clicking on the registrations link at the bottom of the home page. The locations, dates and sessions offered 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, *June 11, 2008*, at 1:30 pm EST.

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