

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



October 2008
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: October 29, 2008

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

- **Monthly Membership Report (MMR) Changes**

Effective with the January 2009 payment, CMS will begin to populate new values in MMR field number 23 representing Default Risk Factor Codes. Field 23 will include one of the following six Default Enrollee codes.

- 1 = Aged/Disabled
- 2 = ESRD Dialysis
- 3 = ESRD Transplant Kidney (Month 1)
- 4 = ESRD Transplant Kidney (Month 2-3)
- 5 = ESRD Transplant Post Graft (Month 4-9)
- 6 = ESRD Transplant Post Graft (Months 10+)

In addition, CMS will populate field number 43 to provide consistency with field 23.

- **Required ICD-9-CM Codes**

Plans are required to submit ICD-9-CM codes that are listed in the CMS-HCC model and those listed as Future Model (a.k.a. non-Model) codes. For the complete lists, plans should refer to

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http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06_Risk_adjustment.asp#TopOfPage.

- **Budget Neutrality**

CMS began phasing out budget neutrality in the 2006 payment year. In 2009, CMS will implement a 25% budget neutrality factor, 5% for 2010 and 0 % for 2011.

Operations Update

Frequently Asked Questions

- The submission deadline for data with dates of service from 1/1/07 – 12/31/07 is 1/31/09.
- Plans may submit test files to test their duplicate logic. Files must contain no more than 3,000 CCC records per file. The CSSC will contact plans that submit files exceeding the acceptable limit.
- Plans may request CSSC to restore copies of previous reports. When requesting restoration of archived reports, CSSC requires the following information:
 - Submitter ID
 - File ID
 - Date Submitted

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Technical Assistance Update

User Group Schedule

Plans can access the 2008 and 2009 User Group Session dates at www.tarsc.info.

Next User Group meeting scheduled: Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 1:30p.m. EST.

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