

# 2007/08 Risk Adjustment User Group



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Questions & Answers

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## Payment Issues

1. Q: When will CMS add the 2010 valid diagnosis codes to the published CMS-HCC Model Excel document?  
A: Plans should use the valid diagnosis codes listed for year 2009 beginning October 1, 2008 through September 2010. CMS will update the codes for year 2010, in mid-October of 2009.
3. Q: Are E-visits acceptable for Risk Adjustment?  
A: Only face-to-face visits are acceptable; therefore, E-visits, and telephone visits are not acceptable.
4. Q: Are provider specialties of Chemical Dependencies and Alcohol Abuse Counselors acceptable providers for risk adjustment?  
A: Neither is considered physicians or physician extenders for risk adjustment purposes. CMS posted the acceptable providers in the risk adjustment documentation located on the [www.csscooperations.com](http://www.csscooperations.com) website.
5. Q: Can plans receive a Monthly Membership Report (MMR) that includes members who were once enrolled in their plan?  
A: Plans' MMRs will not include previously enrolled members.
6. Q: Does CMS plan to collect additional RAPS detailed claim information; and, if so what information will be required?  
A: Regulations have been passed that grants CMS authority to collect additional RAPS data. However, at this point, CMS has not made a decision to do so.

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7. Q: Where are the instructions for submitting test files?
- A: Plans should contact CSSC or visit the website at [www.csscooperations.com](http://www.csscooperations.com) for specific instructions for submitting test files.
8. Q: Can plans submit a Provider type 20 for the physician claims if they discover physician visits from the hospital medical charts?
- A: If there is no separate physician face-to-face visit/service, then plans should not submit claims for provider type 20.
9. Q: Can plans submit data from a Specialty Hospital?
- A: The facility must be on the acceptable facility list to be acceptable for risk adjustment purposes. Refer to Section 3.2 (Data Sources) in the “2008 Risk Adjustment Data Technical Assistance For Medicare Advantage Organizations’ ” participant guide for additional details regarding acceptable sources.

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