

RISK ADJUSTMENT TIPS: NEW ENROLLEES



Identifying New Enrollees

Who are New Enrollee risk scores for? *Newly entitled disabled or aged-in beneficiaries*

When is a New Enrollee Score Used? *When the beneficiary has less than 12 months of Medicare Part B in the data collection year (year prior to the payment year)*

How can plans identify when a new enrollee score is used? *On the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with a New Enrollee Risk Adjustment Factor Type (RAFT) code*

Full Risk Status is Only Assigned at Model Runs:

- 1) Initial (January reports)
- 2) Mid-Year (July reports)
- 3) Final Reconciliation (year following payment year)

If a beneficiary changes status between model runs, CMS may assign a Default status, which uses the same scores as those for New Enrollees.

New Enrollees vs. Full Risk in the CMS-HCC Model

Status	Coverage History	CMS Pays	Tools
New Enrollee	Has less than 12 months Part B in prior year	Using a new enrollee (demographics-only) risk score	CMS calculates all new enrollee risk scores with the Part C normalization factor and the MA coding adjustment factor. New enrollee risk scores are posted in the Announcement of Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates for the year in which the model is recalibrated.
Full Risk	Has 12 months of Part B in prior year	Using demographics and diagnostic data	CMS calculates the risk score using beneficiary demographics and diagnoses, applying the normalization factor and coding intensity adjustment.

New Enrollee and Default Reporting on the MMR and MOR

Status	RAFT Codes	Medicaid in Payment	MOR Reporting
Default Status	No RAFT code, Default code in field 23 on MMR	Uses status from payment year	Does not appear on MOR
New Enrollee	E, ED, E1, E2, SE in field 47 of MMR	Uses status from payment year	Does not appear on MOR
Full Risk	C, C1, C2, D, G1, G2, I, I1, I2 in field 47 of MMR	Uses status from data-collection year	Appears on MOR with full demographic and diagnostic data

During Lapse in Medicare Part B Coverage, Look for:

- Period of new enrollee status
- Loss of full risk status
- New enrollee RAFT code on payment reports
- Beneficiary seeking help re-establishing Part B enrollment

New Enrollee Resources:

- Ask Risk Adjustment FAQs: www.askriskadjustment.com
- Risk Adjustment Training Materials: www.csscooperations.com
- Rate Announcements: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/index.html>