**July 2007
Risk Adjustment
User Group
Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: July 18, 2007

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

In Attendance:

Panelists: Louis Johnson, Lateefah Hughes, Mary Guy, Joyce Pedigo, Sheila Young, Tiffany Valery

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

Topics:

Payment Process

2006 Final Payment

CMS is on schedule with the 2006 final payment. Plans will receive this payment in August 2007.

2006 Final and 2007 Mid-Year Model Output Reports (MORs)

The final 2007 mid-year MORs will be available in mid-August 2007. Plans should contact CMS if any discrepancies are reported on the MORs. Contact information is provided on the Resource Slide of the July 2007 User Group Slides.

2004 and 2005 Reconciliation Model Output Reports (MORs)

The final 2004 and 2005 Reconciliation MORs should be available on or around July 26, 2007.

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2005 and 2006 ESRD Reconciliation

CMS is still in the process of testing the erroneous assignments of the ESRD beneficiaries. At this time, CMS does not have a definitive timeframe for when the complete clean-up will be implemented. CMS will provide a status update to plans closer to when the clean up and resolution of the issues will occur and an estimate of when plans can expect to see the implementation occur.

Data Submission Deadline

CMS is reminding plans that the data submission deadline is coming up on the first Friday in September (September 7, 2007) for the initial 2008 payment. The training materials include the schedule with the submission deadline and can be found on the CSSCoperations.com website. The September submission deadline takes into account dates of service July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. In order to have these dates of service and the diagnoses associated with these dates of service included in the initial 2008 payment, which starts on January 1, 2008, plans must meet this deadline. This will include the initial 2008 risk scores, which will remain in effect until June 2008, when CMS conducts the mid-year update in July 2008.

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Data Validation

Calendar Year 2006

Notification letters were distributed May 31, 2007, and instruction packages were sent on June 29, 2007, to the selected MA organizations. On July 11, 2007, CMS held a teleconference with the selected MA plans to orient the plans to the medical record process and requirements.

The selected MA plans must submit the requested medical records for the 2006 Data Validation by August 17. 2007.

Calendar Year 2005

The Second Validation Contractor (SVC) is currently reviewing the medical records and expects to conclude the review this month. CMS contacted organizations that had issues related to signatures and credentials and those responses are to be submitted by Monday, July 23, 2007. Contact Mary Guy (mary.guy@cms.hhs.gov) with any issues related to meeting this deadline.

CMS anticipates distributing the findings of the 2005 Data Validation in the fall.

Calendar Year 2004

The QA process for the 2004 Data Validation is complete. CMS released plan-specific findings on July 12, 2007. CMS is in the process of scheduling a teleconference in August to communicate overarching results with the plans. CMS will send a notification to plans when the date and time for the teleconference is confirmed.

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Operations Update

502 Duplicate Error Status

CSSC provided a graph illustrating the status of 502 duplicate errors. The graph shows a decrease in 502 errors by plans from January to June 2007. If plans are interested in discussing their files and percentage rates for duplicate errors, they can contact CSSC Operations on Mondays or Tuesdays, when the 5% benchmark reports are completed.

Training Update

Monthly Training

Monthly trainings will continue in September and October. Individuals can register for these sessions beginning in August.

Regional Training

Registration for Las Vegas is closed. At the previous regional training sessions, a number of participants did not show for the training. Based on this trend, plans are being informed that it may be possible for participants, if they choose to take the chance, to register onsite in Las Vegas for the training.

Registration and Information

Registration and training information is available at www.medicaretraining.net.

Next User Group meeting scheduled: Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

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