

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



July 2008
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: July 16, 2008

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

In Attendance:

Panelists: Henri Thomas, Sean Creighton, Jennifer Harlow, Joyce Pedigo, Sheila Young, and Tiffany Valery.

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

Topics:

Payment Process

“Part A-Only” Payment

As of 2006, plans may elect to have CMS determine payments for all “Part A-only” enrollees using either new enrollee factors or full risk adjustment factors. This option applies to the entire plan, not individual enrollees. Once the plan elects this option, it will remain active until the plan submits a formal deactivation request to CMS. Plans interested in this option must contact henry.thomas@cms.hhs.gov by August 31 for a January of the next year eligibility date.

For additional information, plans may refer to module 1 (i.e., Risk Adjustment Methodology) in the 2007 Risk Adjustment Data Regional Training materials at www.csssoperations.com.

A training initiative presented by

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



July 2008
Meeting Notes

Data Validation

Calendar Year (CY) 2007 (Plan-Level Adjustments)

CMS completed sampling for the pilot of the CY 2007 Data Validation. On June 20, 2008, we notified all contracts of their selection for the 2007 Medical Record Review.

The second sampling phase for CY07 is in progress and CMS anticipates sending the Medical Record requests in August. CMS is conducting plan-level payment adjustments based on the medical record review findings; therefore, it is imperative that selected plans submit the requested medical records by the deadline.

CY 2006

The validation contractors completed the medical record reviews, and the quality assurance reviews, for appeals, are in progress. CMS anticipates sending the beneficiary-level findings to the participating plans shortly.

CY 2005

Quality assurance reviews are in progress, and CMS anticipates sending the findings to the participating plans soon.

A training initiative presented by

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



July 2008
Meeting Notes

Operations Update

FERAS Connection

Plans must establish an IP connection with the Front-End Risk Adjustment System (FERAS) in order to submit risk adjustment data. Plans should contact AT&T Global Network Services' toll-free number at 1-800-905-2069 to arrange for the secure network connection to FERAS through the Medicare Data Communications Network (MDCN).

Plans must enroll with CSSC Operations to submit claims to FERAS via the MDCN. Plans may contact the CSSC Operations toll-free number at 877-534-2772 for specific information. CSSC will provide plans with a Submitter ID and password.

Technical Assistance Update

Monthly Session and Cancellation

The remaining 2008 monthly Risk Adjustment Data Technical Assistance Sessions and the monthly Enrollment/Payment sessions, after the July 2008 session, are cancelled due to the 2008 Regional sessions.

To register for the upcoming July Enrollment and Payment Basic monthly Technical Assistance session, scheduled for July 30, 2008, go to www.TARSC.info and select the registrations link. Please take note that space is limited for this session.

A training initiative presented by

2008

Risk Adjustment User Group



July 2008
Meeting Notes

Regional Sessions

The 2008 Regional Technical Assistance Session registration is now open. Plans may register online at www.TARSC.info by clicking on the registrations link at the bottom of the home page. There is limited availability.

A training initiative presented by