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Risk Adjustment User Group



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Questions & Answers

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1. Q. CMS is not using the 2011 CMS-HCC model outlined in the 2011 Advanced Notice, should plans not use the 2011 mappings associated with this version of the model?

A. Plans should instead use the updated mappings for the model that was used in payment years 2009 and 2010. Updated mappings are found in the software and in the “Current Model Diagnosis Codes” document. Both the software and the model diagnosis codes can be found on the CMS website at, http://www.cms.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06_Risk_adjustment.asp#TopOfPage.

2. Q. When will CMS provide more detail on the submission of encounter data?

A. CMS will provide plans with more information on encounter data submissions by the end of this year.

3. Q. Does CMS provide additional guidance on how to calculate the risk scores independent from the Risk Adjustment Participant Guides posted on the www.csscooperations.com website?

A. There has been no change in the methodology for calculating the risk score. Therefore, the guidance documented in the Risk Adjustment Participant Guide remains the same. However, if a plan has specific questions regarding calculation of a risk score, they may send the questions to analyst@askriskadjustment.com, for further assistance.

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