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Risk Adjustment User Group



June Questions & Answers

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Payment

1. Q. Will CMS post an updated mapping for Part D model diagnoses, for the 2011 payment?
A. No. The mapping for Part D model diagnoses are posted at:
http://www.cms.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06_Risk_adjustment.asp#TopOfPage.
2. Q. Will CMS post an updated mapping for Part C model in 2011?
A. CMS will post updated Part C current model diagnosis codes for payment year 2011 in the near future.
3. Q. Will the Risk Adjustment Factor Type (RAFT) change if a beneficiary moves from community to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)?
A. Yes. The RAFT code will change but will not be reflected until CMS runs the risk adjustment model.
4. Q. When will plans receive information on the expanded data set anticipated for 2011?
A. CMS is still reviewing and will update the plans when additional information is available.

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5. Q. CMS is denying diagnosis clusters submitted for members who have had gender changes, how can plans get CMS to accept these clusters?
 - A. The member will need to contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) to update the gender. Once SSA sends the updated file to CMS the submitted cluster may be accepted.
 6. Q. If a member that has undergone a gender change refuses to update gender with SSA, is there anything the plan can do to have CMS accept the diagnosis clusters submitted for the member?
 - A. At this time there is nothing in place for such a situation.
 7. Q. If a plan has members that are disenrolled, and enrolled in a new plan should the original plan submit a delete?
 - A. No. The risk score will follow the beneficiary.

Operation

1. Q. Where can plans locate the 2006 Regional Training Participant Guide on the Customer Support and Service Center (CSSC) website?
 - A. From the CSSC website www.csscooperations.com, click “Training Information”, then click “Archived Information” and under the RAPS July 2006 Regional Training, click “Participant Guide”.
2. Q. A beneficiary disenrolled from the plan due to a change in a payee’s address out of the service area, and the member is re-enrolled, can the plan submit the beneficiary RAPS data retroactive to the member’s enrollment date?
 - A. The plan must send this type of request to Louis.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov.

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