

2010

## Risk Adjustment User Group



### March Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: March 17, 2010

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

#### Payment Process

##### Payment Questions Response Update

CMS encourages plans to continue to submit payment-related questions to the [analyst@askriskadjustment.com](mailto:analyst@askriskadjustment.com) email address, currently the status of the response rates to questions submitted, as of March 2010 are as follows:

- 100% December 2009
- 81% for January 2010
- 73% for February 2010

#### FAQ

Will CMS eliminate the use of Evaluation and Management (E&M) Consultation CPT Codes for Medicare Providers?

The elimination of E&M should not affect risk adjustment because CMS bases payment for risk adjustment on ICD-9 codes and not CPT codes.

#### Payment Update

CMS has posted the ICD-9 codes on the CMS website at, [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06\\_Risk\\_adjustment.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/06_Risk_adjustment.asp#TopOfPage), with the expectation that plans will use the posted codes for data with dates of service of September 2009 through the end of year 2010.

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#### Data Validation

Please refer to the March UG Slides for 2008 and 2009 National Samples Deadlines on the located on the [www.csscooperations.com](http://www.csscooperations.com) website.

- CMS will soon release Technical Assistance (TA) and Medical Records Receipt reports for plans participating in the 2007 Targeted Sample and 2008 National Sample.
  - TA Reports
    - Plans must follow instructions that accompany the TA Report.
    - Not all plans will receive TA Reports; CMS generates the TA reports on an as needed basis.
  - Medical Records Receipt Report
    - Plans must review and respond to CMS if there are inconsistencies with what was submitted and what CMS communicated on the receipt report.
- Plans must follow CMS guidelines when submitting medical records as outlined in the instruction packet.
- Plans must not submit Protected Health Information (PHI) and Personal Identifiable Information (PII) via email
- Plans sending beneficiary information via email may compromise PHI or PII and submission of this information via email will be reported to the CMS Security Division, in accordance with 12/16/08 CPC Memo “Security and Privacy Reminders and Clarification of Reporting Procedures”. This memo is available on the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) website.

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#### Operations Update

##### Operations FAQ

Q: Does the file size limitation of 1 million records per day also apply to vendors?

A: The file size requirement applies to all submitters, including vendors. CMS is requesting files submitted for risk adjustment are limited to 1 million CCC (detail) records per day per submitter.

#### Technical Assistance Update

Next User Group meeting scheduled: Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. EST.

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