

Latest News for PACE Programs

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Advance Call Letter Risk Adjustment Highlights

On 02/01, CMS released Part 2 of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY2019 for Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates, Part C and Part D Payment Policies, and 2019 Call Letter. This document highlights the proposed salient items effecting risk adjustments for PACE programs.

Please Note: Part 1 of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY2019, released on 12/27/2017, did not effect PACE programs therefore Cognisight did not issue a PACE-specific Client Brief.

Proposed Model Changes

HCC Model v21

There are no proposed PACE CMS-HCC model changes.

ESRD Model

While the basic structure of the model and the HCCs will remain the same, CMS proposes the following two updates to the ESRD model for 2019:

- ◆ Update the data years underlying the model using data from FFS claims using 2014 diagnoses to predict 2015 expenditures
- ◆ Update the Medicaid factors to be concurrent with the payment year

RxHCC Model

CMS proposes the following model changes for 2019:

- ◆ Update to reflect the 2019 benefit structure
- ◆ Normalization factor change to 1.020
- ◆ Factor changes for each segment of the model

The 2014/2015 model sampling will be maintained for recalibration.

Frailty Factor

There are no proposed changes.

Proposed Formula Factor Changes

Factor	Current	Proposed	Impact
MA Coding Adjustment	-5.91%	-5.90%	Positive
Normalization	1.082	1.159	Negative
ESRD Dialysis	1.015	1.033	Negative
Functioning Graft	1.082	1.048	Positive

Encounter Data as a Diagnoses Source for 2019

CMS proposes to continue the same method of calculating risk scores that has been used since PY2015. To pool risk adjustment-eligible diagnoses from the following sources to calculate a single risk score (with no weighting): Encounter data, RAPS and FFS claims.

New Medicare Card Project

This is a reminder that the current Social Security Number based HICN will be replaced with a new Medicare number, the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). During the transition period, 04/01/18-12/31/19, Medicare plans can use the HICN or the MBI to exchange data with CMS.

Comment Period

Comments must be received by 6:00 PM EST on 03/05/18.

For more information on the proposed regulations, please visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Announcements-and-Documents-Items/2019Advance.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=2&DLSortDir=descending>

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