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Final Call Letter Risk Adjustment Highlights

On 4/6, CMS released the Final Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2016 for Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates, Part C and Part D Payment Policies. Please note that risk adjustments are impacted. This document highlights the salient items affecting risk adjustments.

Blended Model Will Be Discontinued

The blended model that is in place for PY 2014 and extended into PY 2015 will be replaced with 100% coming from V.22.

Model Changes

Medical HCCs

There does not appear to be any medical HCC model changes including relative factors/co-efficients.

Rx HCCs

There are changes to the Rx HCC for both stand-alone PDPs and MA-PDs. Highlights include:

- ◇ Model changes to complement the 2016 benefit structure changes
- ◇ Update to the data years used to calibrate the model
- ◇ Clinical updates to the hierarchical conditions
- ◇ Inclusion of the MA-PD data in the model calibration
- ◇ An actuarial adjustment to Chronic Viral Hepatitis C RxHCC
- ◇ Renumbering of RxHCCs

Formula Factor Changes

Factor	Current	New	Impact
MA Coding Adjustment	-5.16%	-5.41%	Negative
Normalization: 2014 Model 22	0.978	-0.992	Positive
ESRD Dialysis	1.004	0.990	Positive
Functioning Graft	1.028	1.042	Negative

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Risk Adjustments from In-Home Prospective Assessments
Risk adjustments from prospective assessments are still eligible. In-home assessments and the MAO's program for such assessments include:

- ◇ All components of the annual wellness visit, including a health risk assessment (HRA) such as the model HRA developed by the;
- ◇ Medication review and reconciliation;
- ◇ Scheduling appointments with appropriate providers and making referrals and/or connections for the enrollee to appropriate resources;
- ◇ Conducting an environmental scan of the enrollee's home for safety risks, and need for adaptive equipment;
- ◇ A process to verify that information obtained during the assessment is provided to the appropriate plan provider(s);
- ◇ Provision to the enrollee of a summary of the information, including diagnoses, medications, scheduled follow-up appointments, plan for care coordination, and contact information for appropriate community resources; and
- ◇ Enrollment of assessed enrollees into the plan's disease management/case management programs, as appropriate.

Plans' adoption of such comprehensive in-home assessments should provide additional information to support care planning and care coordination; and could lead to improved enrollee health outcomes.

ICD-10

Will be implemented on October 1, 2015. ICD-9 codes (from dates of service 01/01/15-09/30/15) and ICD-10 codes (from dates of service 10/01/15-12/31-15) would be used in calculating 2016 risk scores.

Encounter Data as a Diagnoses Source for 2016

CMS will calculate the 2016 risk score by blending and weighting:

- ◇ 2015 dates of service from RAPS and FFS (90%)
- ◇ 2015 dates of service from EDS and FFS (10%)

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