

Latest News for PACE Programs

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Advance Call Letter Risk Adjustment Highlights

On 2/19, CMS released the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2017 for Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates, Part C and Part D Payment Policies and 2017 Call Letter. Please note that risk adjustments are impacted. This document highlights the proposed salient items affecting risk adjustments for PACE programs.

Proposed Model Changes

Medical HCCs

There does not appear to be any medical HCC model changes including HCCs changes or their relative factors/coefficients.

Segments

The revised segments announced on 11/03/15 will not be applied to PACE.

Rx HCCs

The model and member categories will remain the same, however, the weights (coefficients) will change.

Frailty Factor

There is no proposed change to the Frailty Factor.

Proposed Formula Factor Changes

Factor	Current	New	Impact
MA Coding Adjustment	-5.41%	-5.66%	Negative
Normalization	1.042	1.067	Negative
ESRD Dialysis	0.990	1.017	Negative
Functioning Graft	1.042	1.067	Negative

County Update

The proposed change is to use the county provided by the Social Security Administration rather than the current method of using the beneficiaries mailing address zip code.

Encounter Data as a Diagnoses Source for 2017

CMS proposes to continue the same method of calculating risk scores as used for PY 2016.

⇒ FYI, Medicare Advantage Model V. 22 is moving to 50% from RAPS and 50% from EDS

Comment Period

The comment period closes March 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM EST. ■

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