

Latest News for PACE Programs

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Final Call Letter Risk Adjustment Highlights

On 4/04, CMS released the Final 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 salient items affecting risk adjustments for PACE programs.

Model Changes

Medical HCCs

There are not 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 are no changes to the Frailty Factor.

Formula Factor Changes



Factor	Current	New	Impact
MA Coding Adjustment	-5.41%	-5.66%	Negative
Normalization	1.042	1.051	Negative
ESRD Dialysis	0.990	0.994	Negative
Functioning Graft	1.042	1.051	Negative

County Update

The county provided by the Social Security Administration will be used rather than the current method of using the beneficiaries mailing address zip code.



Encounter Data as a Diagnoses Source for 2017

The same method of calculating risk scores as used for PY 2016 will continue.

⇒ FYI, Medicare Advantage Model V. 22 is moving to 75% from RAPS and 25% from EDS

For more information on the final regulations outlined here, please visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/>

[MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2017.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2017.pdf)

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