

Latest News for PACE Programs

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Advance Call Letter Risk Adjustment Highlights

On 2/20, CMS released the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2016 for Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates, Part C and Part D Payment Policies and 2016 Call Letter. Please note that risk adjustments are impacted. This document highlights the proposed salient items affecting risk adjustments for PACE Plans.

Proposed Model Changes

Medical HCCs

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

Rx HCCs

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

- ◇ Model changes to complement the proposed changes to the 2016 benefit structure
- ◇ 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

Frailty Factor

There is no proposed change to the Frailty Factor.

Proposed Formula Factor Changes

Factor	Current	New	Impact
MA Coding Adjustment	-5.16%	-5.41%	Negative
Normalization	1.028	1.042	Negative
ESRD Dialysis	1.004	0.990	Positive
Functioning Graft	1.028	1.042	Negative

Cognisight will model the impacts for you using 2014 data. This will be done after the final Call Letter is issued.

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 proposes to continue the same method of calculating risk scores as used for PY 2015.

Comment Period

The comment period closes March 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM EST.

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