

Latest Risk Adjustment News

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Proposed PY2017 Risk Adjustment Model Highlights

On 10/28, CMS introduced proposed changes to the CMS-HCC risk adjustment model for Payment Year 2017.

Highlights

CMS has been evaluating the predictive ratios for key subgroups of beneficiaries to minimize over/under predictions.

Current state:

Segments	Accuracy
Non dual-eligible	Fairly accurate
Partial dual-eligible	Somewhat over predicted
Full dual-eligible	Somewhat under predicted

CMS is proposing:

	2014 Model	Revised Model
Segments	2 full risk segments: - Institutional - Community	7 full risk segments: - Institutional - Community: ⇒ Full benefit dual aged ⇒ Full benefit dual disabled ⇒ Partial benefit dual aged ⇒ Partial benefit dual disabled ⇒ Non dual aged ⇒ Non dual disabled
Dual status for full risk beneficiaries	Base year	Payment year
Hierarchical Conditions Categories	79 HCCs in Model V.22	Same 79 HCCs as 2014 Model V.22

In addition, CMS is also exploring :

- 1) Minor updates to the institutional and new enrollee segments to distinguish between full and partial duals.
- 2) Whether the disease interaction terms should differ by model segment.
- 3) Inclusion of the proposed CMS-HCC model revision to PACE.
- 4) Updates to the Medicaid factor to reflect concurrent (payment year), as well as determine if it is statistically valid to distinguish between full and partial duals.

Please note, any relative factor change will be reflected in the 2017 Advance Notice that is expected to be released in mid-February.

Comment Period

The comment period closes November 25, 2015. All comments submitted to RiskAdjustment@cms.hhs.gov will be posted on the CMS website and considered as they finalize proposed changes to the PY2017 CMS-HCC model.

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For your convenience, the proposed changes can be read in its entirety in the accompanying supplement or downloaded at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/RiskAdj2017ProposedChanges.pdf>

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