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Subject: Risk Adjustment Computer-Based Training Series

CMS is pleased to announce a new series of computer-based trainings to guide Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs), Part D Plan Sponsors, Program of All Inclusive Care for The Elderly (PACE) Organizations and Demonstration Plans through the process of risk adjustment, beginning with a general overview (Module 1). Subsequent modules will cover how to utilize information provided in risk adjustment reports to calculate risk scores, the general steps to calculate risk scores, selecting the appropriate risk adjustment model (Module 2), and a walkthrough of the detailed steps to calculate risk scores using each model type (Module 3).

View the series on the CMS CSSC Operations Training page: **https://csscoperations.com/internet/csscw3.nsf/DID/TRF9Y2R5M5**

Module 1: An Overview of Risk Adjustment - CMS risk adjusts Part C and Part D payments made to MAOs, PACE Organizations, Part D Plan Sponsors, and certain Demonstration Plans. Risk adjustment takes into consideration each enrollee's expected health care costs and incorporates demographic and disease factors from beneficiaries.

This course covers the foundations of risk adjustment, the legislative history, and how CMS-HCC and RxHCC models are used for risk adjustment.

Modules 2 & 3 Coming Soon!

Module 2: The Risk Score Formula - While CMS uses different models to calculate risk scores for different programs, the information used to calculate risk scores and the steps to calculate risk scores follow the same general process.

This module will guide the MAO, Part D Sponsor, PACE Organization, or Demonstration Plan to identify demographic and diagnostic information used for risk score calculation from reports for Part C and D models, provide a risk score formula overview, and explore the process to choose the appropriate risk adjustment model and calculate a risk score.

Module 3: Scenarios - Applying the Risk Score Formula – Using the beneficiary information identified and the calculation steps reviewed in Module 2, the MAO, Part D plan, PACE organization or demonstration will learn how to calculate example risk scores using each model.

This module will show risk score calculations using the various risk adjustment models and allows the learner to check their knowledge by identifying the correct risk adjustment model factors and completing the calculation steps.