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SUBJECT: Updates to Payment Year (PY) 2019 Model Output Report (MOR)

CMS distributes the MOR to plans to identify the Hierarchical Condition Codes (HCCs) used to calculate risk scores for each beneficiary. This memo provides information regarding the MORs for the 2019 Initial reconciliation payment.

For PY 2019 (2018 dates of service), CMS will use a blended risk score, adding 75% of the risk score calculated with the 2017 CMS-HCC model, using diagnoses from RAPS and FFS with 25% of the risk score calculated with the 2019 CMS-HCC model, using diagnoses from encounter data, RAPS inpatient records, and FFS.

To assist plans in identifying HCCs from the RAPS and encounter data, CMS updated the MORs to allow separate reporting of HCCs used in the RAPS-based scores and the encounter data-based scores for the models used in Payment Year 2019. For PY2019 initial payment, the only new MOR record type is record type 'I' for the 2019 CMS-HCC model using encounter data-based HCCs. Note that the current record type 'D' will continue to be used to report RAPS-based HCCs based on the 2017 CMS-HCC model.

The MOR layouts are the same for record types that are reporting HCCs/RxHCCs for the same model. For example, record types B, E, and G are all reporting HCCs in the ESRD and post graft model, although the HCCs are based on different data sources; therefore the same MOR layout applies to all three record types. This is the same case for record types 2, 4, and 5, which report RxHCCs for the Part D model.

Please note, for PY2019, risk scores for PACE organizations continue to be calculated based on diagnoses from RAPS, encounter data, and FFS in equal measure with no weighting. Therefore, there are record types specifically for PACE organizations that report HCCs from any of the three sources (RAPS, encounter data, and FFS).

The record types for PY2019 are outlined as follows:

2019 Model Run Data Source	Model	Model Version	MOR Record Type
MOR Record Types for RAPS and FFS Based HCCs	ESRD and ESRD Post Graft	V21	E
	CMS-HCC Aged/Disabled (non-PACE and non-ESRD)	V22 (PY 2017)	D
	RxHCC	V05 (PY 2018)	2
MOR Record Types for Encounter Data and FFS Based HCCs	ESRD and ESRD Post Graft	V21	G
	CMS-HCC Aged/Disabled (non-PACE and non-ESRD)	V23 (PY 2019)	I
	RxHCC	V05 (PY 2018)	4
MOR Record Types for PACE Organizations (RAPS, FFS, and Encounter Data)	PACE and PACE-ESRD	V21	B
	RxHCC	V05 (PY 2018)	5

The Plan Communications User Guide (PCUG, https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/CMS-Information-technology/mapdhelpdesk/Plan_Communications_User_Guide.html) has been updated to include the new MOR record layout (i.e. 'I') for the 2019 CMS-HCC model.

Questions related to this guidance should be submitted to riskadjustment@cms.hhs.gov. Please use "HPMS Memo – Updates to Payment Years (PY) 2019 Model Output Report (MOR)" as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.