

Dive Into Documentation for the New HHS-RADV Protocols

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Objectives

- Why is Risk Adjustment important?
- What has changed from the beginning until now?
- Changes to the 2022 HHS RADV Protocols
- How health plans and providers are going to be affected
- How retrospective coding is going to be impacted
- What should you do now?

Why is Risk Adjustment Important

- To monitor the patient's chronic conditions
 - Examples include diabetes, congestive heart failure and atrial fibrillation
- Chronic conditions must be assessed at least one time per year
 - The status of the condition
 - The management of the condition
 - Follow up of the condition

CMS and OIG Guidance



What has changed?

- The Office of the Inspector General (OIG)
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Documentation is key
- The need for provider's to be actively involved in the patient's care

Poll

What area are you associate with?

- A. A Health Plan
- B. A Provider's office
- C. A Retrospective Coding Department

Sections of the Medical Record



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- ✓ The History of Present Illness (HPI)
- ✓ The Past Medical History (PMH)
- ✓ The Problem List (PL)
- ✓ The Assessment and Plan

The Lists and Linkage

- PMH and Problem Lists
 - The conditions must be substantiated by the provider
 - Must be current on the date of the visit
- All other areas of the record
 - Active voice isn't enough
 - The assessment requires support
- Medication lists
 - Linkage by the provider

Updates



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The Lifelong Permanent
Conditions List (LLPC)

State Specific Credentials

Super HCCs for Infants

2022 HHS RADV Changes

- The removal of the Lifelong Permanent Conditions List (LLPC)

Appendix C: Lifelong Permanent Conditions

The Lifelong Permanent Conditions list is a set of health conditions selected by CMS that require ongoing medical attention and where all associated diagnoses are typically unresolved once diagnosed. Please note the 2021 benefit year HHS-RADV Lifelong Permanent Conditions list has been updated and is different from the Lifelong Permanent Conditions list used for 2020 and 2019 benefit years HHS-RADV. CMS added 13 HCCs to the Lifelong Permanent Conditions list for 2021 benefit year HHS-RADV, based on stakeholder feedback, and removed 6 HCCs from the list since not all diagnoses mapping to these 6 HCCs are considered lifelong and permanent conditions as follows:

- HCCs Added
 - 1 - HIV/AIDS
 - 18 - Pancreas Transplant Status/Complications
 - 22 - Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
 - 34 - Liver Transplant Status/Complications
 - 35.2 - Chronic Liver Failure/End-Stage Liver Disorders
 - 41 - Intestine Transplant Status/Complications
 - 123 - Narcolepsy and Cataplexy
 - 129 - Heart Transplant
 - 158 - Lung Transplant Status/Complications
 - 174 - Exudative Macular Degeneration
 - 183 - Kidney Transplant Status
 - 251 - Stem Cell, Including Bone Marrow, Transplant Status/Complications
 - 254 - Amputation Status, Upper Limb or Lower Limb
- HCCs Removed
 - 46 - Chronic Pancreatitis
 - 57 - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Other Autoimmune Disorders
 - 62 - Congenital/Developmental Skeletal & Connective Tissue Disorders
 - 88 - Major Depressive & Bipolar Disorders
 - 90 - Personality Disorders
 - 128 - Heart Assistive Device/Artificial Heart

Poll

What are your thoughts on the removal of the LLPC list for the 2022 HHS RADV Benefit year?

- A. It's not a concern because all conditions on the LLPC list were always validated by the provider.
- B. Slightly concerned because some conditions were not always assessed during the year.
- C. Very concerned because conditions on the LLPC list didn't need support and we almost never truly assessed.

2022 HHS RADV Changes

- Take note of state specific credentials
 - Who qualifies according to CMS?
 - A provider that is a licensed physician or any qualified healthcare practitioner who is legally accountable for establishing the patient's diagnosis in a state.
- Anesthesiology, echocardiography and therapeutic radiology diagnostic procedure codes have been removed from RA eligibility
 - Pre-op evaluations are acceptable for capture providing there is support in the medical record. *(See page 216 of the 2022 HHS RADV Protocols)*

2022 HHS RADV Changes

- Introduction of the Super HCCs for infants –
- Appendix F page 219; Table 53a

Adult and Child Super HCC	Coefficient Estimation Group	Adult	Child	HCC	Description
G01	G01	✓	✓	HCC 19	Diabetes with Acute Complications
				HCC 20	Diabetes with Chronic Complications
				HCC 21	Diabetes without Complication
G02B	G02B	✓	✓	HCC 26	Mucopolysaccharidosis
				HCC 27	Lipidoses and Glycogenosis
G02D	G02D		✓	HCC 28	Congenital Metabolic Disorders, Not Elsewhere Classified
				HCC 29	Amyloidosis, Porphyria, and Other Metabolic Disorders
HCC 29	N/A	✓		HCC 29	Amyloidosis, Porphyria, and Other Metabolic Disorders
G03	G03		✓	HCC 54	Necrotizing Fasciitis
				HCC 55	Bone/Joint/Muscle Infections/Necrosis

The Affect on Health Plans and Providers

The Affect

- *Health plans will see a reduction in the amount of validated HCCs*
- *Provider's will see a reduction on the reimbursement of the patient's chronic conditions*

What can you do?

- *Better document*
- *Work with your clinical documentation improvement specialists*
- *Work with your coders*

Retrospective Coding Impact

Advantages

- *Are well versed in the new 2022 HHS RADV Protocols*
- *Certified coders with auditors that have a minimum of 5 years of certification*

Disadvantages

- *Are unable to query the provider*
- *Are only able to capture from what is documented*

What should you do now?

- ✓ Join REGTAP
- ✓ Know the protocols
- ✓ Start improving documentation
- ✓ Make sure all chronic conditions are managed at least one time per year

Resources

REGTAP

<https://regtap.cms.gov/index.php>

2022 HHS RADV Protocols

https://regtap.cms.gov/reg_library_openfile.php?id=4469&type=l

HHS RADV Information

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/01/30/hhs-issues-final-rule-protect-medicare-strengthen-medicare-advantage-hold-insurers-accountable.html>

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