

## CMS Will Conduct a Contract-Level Risk Adjustment Data Validation Audit

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently let us know that they will perform a contract-level risk adjustment data validation (RADV) audit for Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) data for the 2013 benefit year. This means that Florida Blue may request medical records for your BlueMedicare<sup>SM</sup> Regional PPO (RPPO) Medicare Advantage patients selected for the audit.

The CMS audit applies to BlueMedicare RPPO members with **service dates from January through December 2013**. CMS will review the data and medical documentation for accuracy and validate that the records are complete. The audit helps to ensure that risk adjusted payments are accurate.

The collection of risk adjustment data and requests for medical records to validate payments to Medicare Advantage Organizations do not violate HIPAA privacy provisions. Your patients will not need to authorize the release of risk adjustment data or medical record requests for this CMS audit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about the audit, please email your inquiry to [rpmchartprocurement@floridablue.com](mailto:rpmchartprocurement@floridablue.com).