

## CMS Conducts Audit to Identify Medicare Advantage Overpayments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be performing a national risk adjustment data validation (RADV) audit for BlueMedicare<sup>SM</sup> Regional PPO (RPPO) data for the 2017 benefit year.

This means we may request medical records for your BlueMedicare RPPO Medicare Advantage patients selected for the audit.

The CMS audit applies to the BlueMedicare RPPO members with service dates from **January 1 through December 31, 2017**. CMS will review the data and medical documentation for accuracy and validate that the records are complete. The audit helps ensure that risk-adjusted payments are accurate.

### Privacy Concerns

The collection of risk adjustment data and requests for medical records to validate payments to Medicare Advantage organizations do not violate HIPAA privacy provisions. Therefore, 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).

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