

CMS to Conduct National Audit to Identify Medicare Advantage Overpayments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently let us know that they will perform a risk adjustment data validation audit for Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) data in late February through early June 2019 for the 2016 benefit year.

CMS conducts this audit to identify past and improper payments to Medicare Advantage Organizations. This means that Florida Blue may request medical records for your Medicare Advantage (BlueMedicare HMOSM, BlueMedicare PPOSM, and/or BlueMedicare RPPOSM) patients selected for the audit.

The CMS audit applies to Medicare Advantage members with service dates from January through December 2016. CMS will review the data and medical documentation for accuracy and validate that the records are complete.

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

If we contact you for medical records, please respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about the audit, please email your inquiry to RPMChartProcurement@floridablue.com.