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Subject: Medicare Advantage Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) Guidance

In response to requests from MA organizations, CMS shared RADV guidance materials with plans selected for the annual national RADV audit. All MA organizations may find this information helpful in responding to a RADV audit. Specifically, CMS developed the *Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) Medical Record Checklist and Guidance*. This document was provided to contracts with enrollees selected for the CY 2009 and CY 2010 national RADV audits. The checklist provides information and guidance on selecting a record for an audited HCC.

The first page of the checklist addresses documentation issues that have been observed for records submitted in response to RADV audits. MA organizations may find this information helpful when determining whether a medical record meets risk adjustment criteria. The second page of the document provides guidance regarding specific diagnoses. CMS conducted a study that identified risk adjustment diagnoses likely to be associated with payment error and examined the reasons these diagnoses are problematic. Use of this guidance may assist MA organizations in selecting a medical record that best documents these error-prone diagnoses.

The checklist and guidance is available on CMS' website at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Advantage/Plan-Payment/PaymentValidation.html>.