Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

CMS Selects Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 2015 National RADV Audit

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has been selected by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") to participate in the 2015 National Risk Adjustment Data Validation ("RADV") Audit. As part of CMS Medicare Advantage requirements, Anthem is required to report all member diagnosis data to CMS. The RADV Audit, a CMS-required audit, is used by CMS for purpose of verifying the accuracy of the diagnosis data that was previously reported to CMS. This year’s RADV Audit covers all 2014 dates of service for those Medicare Advantage members to be included in the audit.

How many members are impacted by the audit? CMS randomly selected contracts and members for inclusion in this year’s National RADV Audit. The audit process begins on February 15, 2017 and will end 16 weeks later at midnight on June 9, 2017.

What is the process? In order to verify the accuracy of the previously reported diagnosis data, CMS requires that Medicare Advantage Organizations submit medical records that support and validate the diagnosis data that was previously reported for the audited members. As in prior years, we will be using a contracted vendor, Verscend, to request the medical records from hospital and physicians that treated the audited members during the 2014 calendar year. As the records are collected, a dedicated audit team will review the medical records to ensure that they support the diagnosis data previously reported to CMS and will oversee the record submission process. Our record retrieval and validation efforts will conclude when medical records for each audited member have been submitted to CMS.

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