

Provider Bulletin

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Healthy Blue working with Optum to collect medical records for Medicare risk adjustment (MRA)

Summary: In 2021, Healthy Blue will work with Optum,* who works with Ciox Health,* to request medical records with dates of service for the target year 2020 through present day for Medicare risk adjustment (MRA).

MRA refers to the process by which CMS adjusts Part C payments made to Medicare Advantage plans to account for expected costs of care based on factors associated with member demographics and health. The goals of risk adjustment are:

- 1. To collect accurate and complete diagnosis information to ensure proper treatment, care management, and care coordination services.
- 2. To submit accurate and complete diagnosis data to CMS to ensure appropriate payment to both the Medicare Advantage plan and providers in support of appropriate management of a members' health.

Jaime Marcotte, Medicare Retrospective Risk Program Lead, is managing this project. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Jaime at jaime.marcotte@anthem.com or 1-843-666-1970.

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