

MARA adds federal risk adjustment models

Risk adjustment, a permanent program under the ACA, will impact your bottom line. Health plans and issuers both inside and outside of the health exchanges are affected.

Milliman Advanced Risk Adjusters (MARA) has been expanded to include the federal risk adjustment model developed by HHS for the individual and small group marketplaces, on and off the exchanges. The latest MARA release offers risk scoring beyond what is currently available from other vendors, expanding scoring of risk by health service categories and delivering more transparency for clinical decision making by revealing how conditions drive risk.

The newly added HHS-HCC model set employs the hierarchical condition category (HCC) grouping logic and calculates risk scores based on specific diagnosis and demographic handling. The implementation of HHS-HCC in the MARA design allows for complex data handling and eliminates the need for pre-processing.

EXPANDED CAPABILITIES

MARA's honeycomb of interconnected analytic tools includes the HHS-HCC risk adjustment model as well as a library of more comprehensive, higher-performing risk adjustment functions that are widely deployed in solutions offered by leading healthcare technology providers, including business intelligence, care workflow solutions, and EMR vendors. MARA adds insight for population health activities in ACOs, primary care medical home programs, and other health-based budgeting, pricing, and risk-based performance measurement programs to support healthcare reform initiatives.

MILLIMAN EXPERTISE, ON DEMAND

Rather than relying solely on risk score reporting from an outside vendor, users can now install and run the HHS-HCC health exchange risk adjustment, or MARA models on demand.

The MARA tools provide on-demand processing of metal-level and cost-sharing reduction (CSR) risk scores, completely transparent scoring and clinical profiles. The addition of the HHS-HCC risk adjustment model gives users yet another powerful tool for understanding and managing risk.

MARA features:

- "Mimics" the federally developed HHS-HCC risk adjustment processing for health exchange risk scoring
- Includes complex diagnosis handling – no pre-processing required:
 - Diagnosis mapping
 - Newborn restrictions
 - Child modeling
 - Adult modeling
 - Infant modeling
 - Risk scores by metal level and CSR
 - Individual HHS category flags output
 - Data quality reporting – identifies invalid data in the input file
 - Log files include processing detail
- Technical features:
 - Platform independent
 - Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8
 - Unix
 - Linux
 - Standalone or integrated processing
 - GUI processing
 - Batch processing

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