Analytics & Accuracy: How to Improve Program Performance by Surfacing Complex Conditions

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Navigating ACA Risk Adjustment & Population Challenges



High Member Churn: Frequently Changing Patient Populations

Unlike Medicare, ACA populations frequently move in and out of enrollment.

- Only 6 in 10 Americans who enroll in public exchanges will re-enroll during annual open enrollment.
- The remaining 40% fall into member "churn," meaning they will enroll in Medicaid, Medicare, employer-sponsored coverage, or forgo insurance.

The takeaway: Sharp changes in patient populations create increased risk uncertainty. Plans cannot rely on historical information, making accuracy critical.



Concurrent Risk Adjustment Model

In a concurrent model information for risk adjustment relies solely on the data submitted for reimbursement in the year it occurred.

Challenges with a concurrent model:

- Short timelines: In Medicare, you have a year and a half to submit documentation. In ACA, the timeline is much shorter.
- **Transfer payments/risk adjustment:** Some ACAs struggle with not targeting the right segments to impact transfer payments.

The takeaway: Without the ability to rely on historical information to document risk, coding accuracy is critical. As Medicare moves towards a concurrent philosophy, this will have a greater impact.



A Needle in a Haystack: Finding HCCs in ACA Patient Populations

A healthier, younger population can lead to suspecting challenges.



The takeaway: Healthcare expenditures are concentrated in a small % of enrollees with serious medical problems. Stratifying your chase list to ensure you are targeting the right members is critical.



Implementing NLP-Powered Strategies to Increase Accuracy & Surface Complex Diagnoses



Coding Accuracy can Dramatically Impact ACA Financial Performance

ACA vs. MA Risk Score Value Difference



The takeaway: A 1% improvement in accuracy can lead to a 20% increase in per chart value.



Risk Transfer Helps Achieve Balance For Patients Too

High and low premiums are modulated giving patients the opportunity to choose the best plan they can afford by reducing the overall cost of coverage and not tying patient premium to health status.



Plan Characteristics	Plans with Equal Coverage w/o Risk Adjustment						
	Silver Plan 1	Silver Plan 2					
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Example With Risk Score & Premiums

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Average Premium	\$350.00	\$350.00				

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Risk Transfer	\$124.44	(\$124.44)				
Average Premium	\$408.89	\$357.78				



Sicker Patients Premium \$\$\$\$\$

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Anthem Vendor Report Card



- **The challenge:** How can plans improve accuracy, prevent NLP errors and human fatigue, quality issues, and inconsistencies?
- The solution: The Anthem Vendor Report Card
 - A detailed monthly assessment that shows vendors which codes they missed that other vendors have captured.
 - This allows Anthem to compare overall performance, cost, and speed and shows which vendors are open for discussion.

The takeaway: Not all vendors are created equal. Some are good at finding easy codes (i.e., diabetes), but miss hard ones (i.e., cancer, hemophilia). You need tech and teams that are adept at finding both.



Anthem Vendor Assessment: 1LR & 2LR Coding

Episource 1st Pass YOY Coding Comparison Episource 2nd Pass Coding Vendor Comparison

	Episource Hit Rate		Episource Hit Rate	Vendor ABC Combined
2020	2.80%	2020	2.57%	2.17%
2021	4.28%	2021	3.55%	2.04%

The takeaway: Episource continues to train our NLP on millions of medical records each year, leading to greater accuracy over time.



Understanding How to Turn HCC Coding Trends into Action



Volume vs. Value in Heavily Weighted Codes

% of HCCs Surfaced Compared to HCC Weight



Anthem % of HCC Diagnoses Captured 2020-21 ESilver PL

Silver PLRS HCC Weight



Actioning Heavily Weighted & Complex Codes

- **Uncovering Dx trends:** Episource 2LR found new/heavily weighted Dx codes including a high prevalence of mental disorders + diabetes with complications.
- **Provider education:** Look at top Dx codes to see if they are net new and use them to educate providers to ensure they are documenting correctly.
- **Compliance and issue codes:** Complex codes have a higher tendency to be non-compliant. Without validation a health plan invites major liabilities.
- Invalid codes: If vendors do not find when natural and supplemental claims do not match, this could lead to compliance issues/impact transfer payments.



The Decision Point: Turning Analysis into Action



Put clinical indicators to work.

Undiagnosed clinical indicators may suggest:

- A patient needs a prospective intervention.
- The need for the plan to request a different chart.
- The need to do a second level review using NLP and human coders.



Engage providers in care management. Plans should make it easy for providers by:

- Sharing data so they can reach out to members.
- Leveraging platforms providers are already using.



Meet the population where they are. Plans should make it easy for patients to engage by:

- Leveraging telehealth for patient encounters.
- Conducting outreach via text message.
- Offering ridesharing services.



Improving Performance Across the Risk Adjustment Continuum



Driving Program Performance

Review the current status of your risk adjustment program and how performance compares to prior years and benchmarks.

Key Trends Analyzed

- Average RAF score
- Average RAF opportunity
- Member condition analysis
- Visit completion performance
- Chronic condition recapture rate





Analysis in Action: ACA Program Assessment Multi-Program Case Study

Because ACA plans value the whole picture, you should analyze factors that contribute to the plan liability risk score (PLRS) which requires more complexity than addressing individual RAF scores.

Rank	нсс	Description	Prevalence 2021		
1	HCC021	Diabetes without Complication	4.1%		
2	HCC161	Asthma	2.0%		
3	HCC020	Diabetes with Chronic Complications	1.4%		
4	HCC088	Major Depressive and Bipolar Disorders	0.7%		
5	HCC012	HCC012 Breast (Age 50+) and Prostate Cancer, Benign/Uncertain Brain Tumors, and Other Cancers and Tumors			
6	HCC160	CC160 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Including Bronchiectasis			
7	7 HCC030 Adrenal, Pituitary, and Other Significant Endocrine Disorders		0.5%		
8	8 HCC056 Rheumatoid Arthritis and Specified Autoimmune Disorders		0.5%		
9	HCC142	Specified Heart Arrhythmias	0.5%		
10	HCC075	Coagulation Defects and Other Specified Hematological Disorders	0.3%		
Top 10 Suspected HCCs 11%					

Top suspected HCCs: Analysis of top 10 HCC suspects across the membership



Analysis in Action: Member Opportunity Analysis -Multi-Program Case Study



^{*}Risk opportunity refers to uncaptured year-over-year conditions

ACA Transfer Payment Analysis - Multi-Program Case Study

Transfer payment history: Analysis of transfer payments by state and market.

2018			:	2019		2020			Year-over-Year				
State	Market	PLRS	PLRS	State PLRS	Against Benchmark	Transfer Payment	PLRS	State PLRS	Against Benchmark	Transfer Payment	'19 – '20 PLRS	'19 – '20 Benchmark	'19 – '20 Transfer Payment
Georgia	Small Group	1.364	1.346	1.352	0%	\$ (440K)	1.464	1.293	13%	\$ 661K	9%	14%	250%
Georgia	Individual	1.774	1.634	1.696	-4%	\$ (205K)	1.864	1.864	22%	\$ 91K	14%	26%	145%
Alaska	Small Group	1.126	1.384	1.440	-4%	\$ (299K)	2.364	2.364	84%	\$ 525K	71%	88%	276%
Alaska	Individual	1.346	2.396	2.396	14%	\$ 158K	2.849	2.849	49%	\$481K	19%	35%	404%





The Takeaway

Significant increase in PLRS YOY with 2020 PLRS above state benchmarks, resulting in positive transfer payments for all four risk pools in 2020.

The ACA Risk Adjustment Continuum



Patient Engages	Patient	HCC Capture	Validate
System	Assessment		Accuracy

Transfer Payments



The Platform Approach End-to-End Risk Adjustment

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