



Value-based Care Chronicle: Guide to Improving Performance

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We hope you're finding the Value-based Care Chronicle newsletter insightful and helpful! As we aim to keep you updated on the latest trends and best practices in value-based care, we're always looking to improve. Please take a few moments to complete this quick survey and let us know what's working well, and where we can improve.

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Controlling Blood Pressure Reminder

December marks the last chance to capture patient BP readings, which count towards the Controlling Blood Pressure (CBP) quality measures for various MSSP, MA, and Commercial contracts.

Best Practices to Close the Quality Gap:

- Blood pressure readings must be performed by a clinician or remote monitoring device
- Do not include BP readings taken during an inpatient stay, ED visit, or on the same day as a test or procedure that requires a change in diet or medication
- Patient reported blood pressures are acceptable, IF taken from a digital device
- If no BP is recorded during the measurement period, the patient's blood pressure is assumed "not controlled"
- If multiple readings on same day, use the lowest reading

Controlling Blood
Pressure Flyer

Article: Controlling
High Blood Pressure

Coding Corner:
Hypertension

HCC Changes and Recapture Opportunities

The Risk Adjustment payment model identifies patients with serious and/or chronic illnesses, using ICD-10-CM codes that map to hierarchical condition categories (HCC), and assigns a risk adjustment factor (RAF) score to each patient. The average RAF score for a patient is 1.00. If a patient has a RAF score of 0.900, then it is presumed that the patient is 20% healthier than the average population and you would generally not expect high-cost utilization.

CMS resets the RAF score every January to only include demographics. The HCC recapture rate measures the extent to which recurring conditions are re-documented, reflecting the ongoing health risks of patients with chronic conditions. High recapture rates help secure appropriate payments by reflecting the true complexity of patient populations, thereby reducing financial penalties for providers who care for high-risk patients. Failure to report each chronic condition, **every calendar year**, will skew the patient profile and negatively affect funding for the care and resources required.

[HCC RECAPTURE GUIDE](#)

[MOVE TO VALUE PODCAST: WHY RISK ADJUSTMENT MATTERS IN CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION & CODING](#)

Happy Holidays from CHES!

As the holiday season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and those who have helped shape our business. It's been quite a year for us all, and we are so grateful for your continued support and partnership. From everyone at CHES Health Solutions, we hope your holidays are filled with joy and laughter and look forward to working with you in the New Year!

Additional Resources

- [2025 PCP Chronic Conditions Desk Reference](#)
- [ACOs and CINs Explained](#)

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