

Two risk adjustment audits scheduled in 2021

Each year the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require Security Health Plan to participate in a risk adjustment data validation (RADV) audit. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a RADV audit did not take place in calendar year 2020. CMS will reintroduce RADV activities beginning in January 2021 and will be overseeing two RADV audits during 2021. Security Health Plan is required to participate in both audits.

January 2021	2019 Benefit Year RADV begins
May 2021	2020 Benefit Year RADV begins

CMS is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will make adjustments to this timeline as needed.

HHS-RADV audit process

The HHS-RADV audit examines a random sample of members enrolled in Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant individual and small group plans. CMS conducts RADV activities to ensure the accuracy and integrity of risk adjustment data and risk adjusted payments. The HHS-RADV process verifies that diagnosis codes submitted for payment by an organization are supported by the provider's medical record documentation for an enrollee.

Security Health Plan is responsible for providing CMS with source medical record documentation to validate health plan-submitted medical claims and supplemental diagnoses for each chosen enrollee. Depending on the enrollees chosen by CMS, we may be requesting information from your medical records department during the audit. Accompanying this request will be a memo from CMS providing detailed information.

We appreciate your cooperation with this project, as a timely response will benefit your patients who members of Security Health Plan. Thank you in advance for your assistance.