

Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) audits coming soon

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has informed health plans nationwide that it will perform multiple contract RADV audits during 2026 and 2027.

The last contract RADV was performed on 2019 dates of service, and CMS intends to catch up on prior-year audits by completing audits of 2020, 2021, 2023 and 2024 dates of service during 2026. RADV audits for 2022 and 2025 will follow during 2027. We expect the first of these audits to begin in March.

Additionally, Security Health Plan (SHP) will also be completing the Health and Human Services (HHS) required annual RADV audit of Affordable Care Act plan enrollees in these same time frames.

RADV audits are performed to ensure the accuracy and integrity of risk adjustment data and risk-adjusted payments. RADV processes verify that the diagnoses codes submitted for payment are supported in the provider's medical record documentation of the service provided to the health plan enrollee. Security is responsible for providing government payors with source medical record documentation that validates the health plan submitted medical record claims and associated diagnoses for each chosen enrollee. The medical record must meet CMS and International Classification of Coding CM 10 (ICD 10) requirements, which include valid provider signatures with their credentials.

In response to these audits, we may contact you to obtain an attestation of your service and/or credentials for a service you provided to a health plan enrollee should your documentation not meet required standards. We might also contact your medical records department to request records for Security Health Plan members who received care from you. A memo from CMS with additional information about the RADV process will accompany the medical record request.

We appreciate your cooperation and timely response to any medical record and attestation requests that may be needed. Please share, as appropriate, information about the upcoming RADV audits with your health information management teams.