RAND Technical Expert Panel Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Contract Star Ratings, November 12, 2020 Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

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**Meeting Agenda**

November 12, 2020 12:00pm-2:00pm PT / 3:00pm-5:00pm ET

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**Read Ahead Materials:**

- Summary of ASPE’s report to Congress “Social Risk and Performance in Medicare’s Value-Based Purchasing Programs”
- “Brief Description of the MA and Part D Star Ratings Program”

**Topics:**

- Define social risk factors and the role they play in performance measurement and value-based payment
- Review a range of strategies that could be used to adjust for social risk factors in performance measurement and address disparities
- Social Risk Factors in MA and PDP Star Ratings
  - Prevalence of dual eligibility and Part D low-income subsidy (LIS/DE) and disability in MA and PDP contracts
  - Relationship between LIS/DE and disability prevalence and contract performance
- Within-contract and between-contract disparities

**Read Ahead Materials:**

- “The MA and PDP Star Ratings CAI”
Topics:

- Adjustment approaches to ensure accuracy of performance measurement
  - Direct adjustment: Case-mix adjustment
  - Indirect adjustment: Categorical Adjustment Index (CAI)
- CAI overview and impact on Star Ratings

Discussion Questions:

- Is the CAI beneficial to include in Star Ratings?
- Does the CAI meet its goal of improving accuracy of measures of performance for MA and PDP contracts?
- Are there ways the CAI could be improved?

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm ET
(1:45 pm - 2:00 pm PT)  
Preview of the November 19th TEP Meeting  
Closing Comments  
Cheryl Damberg