

The Next Generation of Risk Adjustment Policy Opportunities to Advance Reform

Webinar Agenda

Wednesday, April 19 | 3:00 - 4:30 PM EST

3:00 PM

Welcome

Mark McClellan, MD, PhD – Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

3:05 PM

Presentation by Duke-Margolis and CareJourney Staff

Objectives: Present an overview of the current risk adjustment system, including how it works and the challenges it presents to transforming our payment system, and provide a brief analytical review of the recently proposed and finalized version of CMS policy reforms to risk adjustment.

Presenters

- **Frank McStay**, Assistant Research Director, Duke-Margolis
- **Erica Everhart**, Head of Thought Leadership, CareJourney

3:25 PM

Moderated Discussion—Immediate Policy Opportunities to Support an Improved Risk Adjustment System

Objectives: Discuss recently finalized policy reforms to CMS' risk adjustment system and other near-term policy reforms the Agency can implement to improve accuracy of the model, including: improving model weights to more accurately reflect the marginal cost of treating beneficiaries; the implications of risk adjustment payments and reforms on transformational efforts; how CMS could potentially leverage different data to improve risk adjustment; and; opportunities to tie risk adjustment payments to care improvements.

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Panel

- **Rick Gilfillan**, Former CEO of Trinity Health System and Deputy Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **Rahul Rajkumar**, CEO Accompany Health, former COO of Optum Care Solutions, formerly Blue Cross Blue Shield

3:55 PM **Moderated Discussion—The Long-Term Vision for a Reformed Risk Adjustment System**

Objectives: Discuss long term policy opportunities to align risk adjustment with the goals of value-based care that support an equitable, whole-person health system, including: opportunities to incorporate socioeconomic, demographic, and other equity-focused measures into risk adjustment; how third-party auditing of risk adjustment data could be implemented and improve payment accuracy, and; empirical analyses needed to inform longer term reforms.

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- **Erica Everhart**, Head of Thought Leadership, CareJourney
- **Dana Safran**, CEO of National Quality Forum

4:20 PM **Question and Answer**

4:30 PM **Conclusion and Adjournment**

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