

# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services model change for 2020

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is transitioning from a 79-hierarchical condition category (HCC) risk adjustment payment system (RAPS) submission model for dates of services (DOS) in 2018 and 2019, and an 83-HCC encounter data processing system (EDS) submission model for DOS in 2018, to an 86-HCC EDS submission model in 2019.

- The 86-HCC EDS submission model has three new HCCs, which pertain to dementia and pressure ulcers.
- With the implementation of the 86-HCC EDS submission model, updates to the risk score calculation have been made.
- The changes outlined below impact risk-adjusted payments to Medicare Advantage organizations received in 2020 for all 2019 dates of service.

## What is changing?

The three new HCCs are:

- HCC 51 – Dementia with complications
- HCC 52 – Dementia without complications
- HCC 159 – Pressure ulcer of skin with partial thickness skin loss

There are no revised HCC descriptions for 2020.

## Important information to note about the revised model and risk score calculations:

- The new 86-HCC model will run concurrently with the current 79-HCC model.
- Risk score calculation will be based on a combination of data from both the 86-model and the 79 model.
- Fifty percent of risk score values will be based on the 79 model, and 50% of risk score values will be based on the new 86 model.

## What do I need to do?

Continue coding to the highest level of specificity to ensure you have captured the true health status of the patient.

## Where can I find more information?

1. Visit <https://www.cms.gov/>
2. Choose the gold “Medicare” button along the top row
3. Scroll down to the “Health Plans” subheading and click on “Medicare Advantage Rates & Statistics”
4. In the left-hand column, click on “Risk Adjustment”

