

Why is risk adjustment important to your practice?

What is risk adjustment?

Risk adjustment is a process that predicts healthcare costs by equating a patient's health status and demographic information to a risk score. When providers submit diagnosis codes on claims, health plans use the data to identify what types of programs are needed and who needs them.

What are fundamental aspects of successful risk adjustment?



High-quality patient-provider relationship



Accurate medical charting and coding



Complete encounter and data submission

Why does risk adjustment matter?

Clear, supportive documentation gives the entire healthcare team a complete picture of the patient's health status. It also helps you meet a few key outcomes:

- The complexity of your patient panel is represented accurately, which ensures the sustainability of patients' coverage and benefits.
- Patients are accurately identified for disease management interventions and care management triggers.
- Communication among the entire care team is clear and seamless, which lessens rework and disruption for providers and leads to better patient outcomes.