

ACO PARTICIPATION WAIVER

McLeod Healthcare Network ACO Waiver Protection Form

PROGRAM NAME:

Outpatient Clinical Documentation (OP-CDI) Integrity Program

TYPE OF WAIVER UTILIZED:

ACO Participation Waiver

ALL PARTIES INVOLVED:

ACO Facility Participants

ACO Practice Participants, including Independently owned Physician Practices

DATE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN:

May 24, 2021

PURPOSE OF ARRANGEMENT:

For McLeod Healthcare Network to perform successfully in value-based payment models, accurately and completely capturing disease burden is essential. Medicare uses HCCs (hierarchical condition categories) to quantify the illness burden of each patient and to estimate the annual cost of providing care for that patient. HCCs are weighted using a risk adjustment factor (RAF) based on the complexity of the patient's disease, along with demographic factors such as age, gender, and patient domicile (living at home or a skilled nursing facility, for example). These RAF scores, similar in theory to a DRG relative weight, are calculated annually based on 12 months of documented diagnostic coding history. Actual and predicted rates are analyzed to confirm the quality of care provided, including care planning and coordination.

DESCRIPTION OF ARRANGEMENT:

Development and implementation of a model cell OP-CDI program using a strategic, prioritized approach informed from opportunity assessment, with a phased roll-out to applicable ACO participants. Under the OP-CDI Integrity Program, MHN will provide HCC/RAF for MSSP beneficiaries covered under MHN's ACO to Participants to better enable Participants to assess risks, allocate resources more efficiently, evaluate health needs/progress towards meeting MSSP goals, and improve risk adjustment.

ITEMS, SERVICES, FACILITIES OR GOODS COVERED BY THE ARRANGEMENT:

OP-CDI Program Manager; dedicated OP-CDI specialists; technology to support opportunity assessment, workflow development, and monitor program performance

DATE AND MANNER OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S AUTHORIZATION:

Approved by the Board of Managers on 05/13/2021 on the following basis: As value-based healthcare continues to expand, HCC coding and an emphasis on its accuracy will become even more important. With the nationwide rise of chronic conditions, the benefits of the HCC risk adjustment model ensure proper allocation of resources to treat high-cost patients while also identifying opportunities for disease management intervention and improving the quality of beneficiaries. For these reasons, the Board concluded that implementation of the OP-CDI Integrity Program is reasonably related to the purposes of the Shared Savings Program.