

The following is an overview of software for the Version 21 CMS-HCC risk-adjustment model. The software includes a SAS program - **V2113H1P** that calls several SAS Macros to create HCC score variables using coefficients from the following regression models:

- Community
- Institutional
- New enrollee.

#### Software description

The software consists of a main program V2113H1P that supplies user parameters to the main SAS Macro program V2113H1M. This macro program reads in two input files and assigns HCCs for each person. First, the program crosswalks diagnoses to Condition Categories (CCs) using SAS formats which were previously stored in the FORMAT library. Then the program creates Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs) by imposing hierarchies on the CCs. For persons without claims, zeros are assigned to all HCCs. After HCCs are created the program computes predicted scores from 3 regression models.

The main macro V2113H1M uses 6 external SAS Macro programs:

- %AGESEXV2 - create age/sex, originally disabled, disabled variables
- %V20EDIT1 - perform edits to ICD9 codes
- %V21H87M1 - assign one ICD9 code to multiple CCs
- %V20H87L1 - assign labels to HCCs
- %V20H87H1 - set HCC=0 according to hierarchies
- %SCOREVAR - calculate a score variable

The main program, main macro and 6 external macros have a .txt extension to make the files easier to view. Please rename them to have .sas extension before running the software.

#### Steps performed by the software:

- step1: include external macros
- step2: define internal macro variables
- step3: merge person and diagnosis files outputting one record per person for each input person level record
  - step3.1: declaration section
  - step3.2: bring in regression coefficients
  - step3.3: merge person and diagnosis files
  - step3.4: for the first record for a person set CC to 0 and create person's age

step3.5: if there are any diagnoses for a person then do the following:

- create CC using format specified in parameter FMNAME (please see the **Files supplied by the software** section below for details on format library and formats specific to this version of software)
- perform ICD9 edits using macro V20EDIT1
- create additional CC using V21H87M1 macro

step3.6: for the last record for a person do the following:

- create demographic variables needed for score calculation (macro AGESEXV2)
- create HCC using hierarchies (macro V20H87H1)
- create HCC interaction variables
- create HCC and disabled interaction variables
- set HCCs and interaction vars to zero if there are no diagnoses for a person
- create score for community model
- create score for institutional model
- create score for new enrollee model

step4: data checks and proc contents

## **PART 1.** Files supplied by the software.

The following SAS programs and files are included in this software:

- **V2113H1P** - main program that has all the parameters supplied by a user (see below for parameter and variable list). It calls main macro V2113H1M
- **V2113H1M** - main macro that creates HCC and SCORE variables by calling other external macros
- **AGESEXV2** - create age/sex, originally disabled, disabled variables
- **V20EDIT1** - performs edits to ICD9 code. Medicare Code Editor (MCE) is source of edits.
- **V21H87M1** - assigns ICD9 diagnosis code to multiple CCs where required
- **V20H87L1** - assigns labels to HCCs
- **V20H87H1** - sets HCC=0 according to hierarchies
- **SCOREVAR** - calculates a score variable
- **F2113J1R.TXT** - a txt version of the format that has a cross-walk from ICD9 codes to V21 CC categories (use for reference only). This format contains ICD9 codes valid in FY2012 or FY2013.

- **F2113J1R** - format library containing all the formats for the software. Format names should be specified as main macro parameters in main program as follows:
  - I21131Y12Y13RC** - version V21 crosswalk from ICD9 codes to CC categories that are transformed to HCC categories by the software -- contains ICD9 codes valid in FY2012 or FY2013. Should be specified in macro parameter **FMNAME**.
  - AGEY12Y13MCE** - format to crosswalk ICD9 to acceptable age range in case MCE edits on ICD9 are to be performed. Should be specified in macro parameter **AGEFMT**.
  - SEXY12Y13MCE** - format to crosswalk ICD9 to acceptable sex in case MCE edits on ICD9 are to be performed. Should be specified in macro parameter **SEXFMT**.
- **C2110H2R**- relative coefficients for 3 regression models created on CY2006/2007 data using the CMS denominator 8034.71 (1/18/2010).

Format library and coefficients file are SAS transport files, which may be used on any platform running SAS, after uploading and converting using PROC CIMPORT. Users should use the following code to convert them.

Code for converting coefficients transport file to SAS file:

```
filename inc "C:\user defined location of the transport
file\C2110H2R";
libname incoef "C:\user defined location of the sas
coefficients file";
proc cimport data=incoef.hcccoefn infile=inc;
run;
```

Code for converting formats transport file to SAS file:

```
filename inf "C:\user defined location of the transport
file\F2113J1R";
libname library "C:\user defined location of the sas formats
file";
proc cimport library=library infile=inf;
run;
```

If you are operating in an MVS environment, the transport files should be uploaded using the following parameters:  
RECFM(F or FB) LRECL(80) BLKSIZE(8000)

## **PART 2.** Files supplied by a user.

Two SAS input files needed for the software must be presorted in ascending order by the person ID variable



be to the greatest level of available specificity. Diagnoses should be included **only** from providers and physician specialties allowable for risk adjustment reporting (as specified in CMS notices).

**Part 3.** Parameters supplied by a user:

*NOTE: All user-supplied parameters should be reentered by the user. The default settings are examples only, and should not be used.*

The user must supply the following:

- **INP** - SAS input person dataset name
- **IND** - SAS input diagnosis dataset name
- **OUTDATA** - SAS output dataset name
- **IDVAR** - name of person identifier variable (HICNO for Medicare data)
- **KEEPVAR** - variables kept in the output dataset. There is a list of KEEP variables in the program, but the user can alter the list.
- **SEDIRS** - a switch that controls whether to perform edits on ICD9  
1-YES, 0-NO
- **DATE\_ASOF** - reference date to calculate age. Set to February 1 of the payment year for consistency with CMS.
- **FMNAME** - format name (crosswalk ICD9 codes to V21 CCs). For this version of the software it is **I21131Y12Y13RC**.
- **AGEFMT** - format name (crosswalk ICD9 to acceptable age range in case MCE edits on ICD9 are to be performed). For this version of the software it is **AGEY12Y13MCE**.
- **SEXFMT** - format name (crosswalk ICD9 to acceptable sex in case MCE edits on ICD9 are to be performed). For this version of the software it is **SEXY12Y13MCE**.

**Part 4.** Variables output by the software.

The software outputs a person level file. Any variables that the user wants to keep in it should be specified in the main program **V2113H1P** in **KEEPVAR** parameter of macro **V2113H1M** call. The following variables can be specified:

- 1) Any person level variables from the original person level file
- 2) Demographic variables created by the software:

**AGEF ORIGDS DISABL**

**F0\_34 F35\_44 F45\_54 F55\_59 F60\_64 F65\_69  
F70\_74 F75\_79 F80\_84 F85\_89 F90\_94 F95\_GT**

M0\_34 M35\_44 M45\_54 M55\_59 M60\_64 M65\_69  
M70\_74 M75\_79 M80\_84 M85\_89 M90\_94 M95\_GT  
NEF0\_34 NEF35\_44 NEF45\_54 NEF55\_59 NEF60\_64  
NEF65 NEF66 NEF67 NEF68 NEF69  
NEF70\_74 NEF75\_79 NEF80\_84 NEF85\_89 NEF90\_94  
NEF95\_GT  
NEM0\_34 NEM35\_44 NEM45\_54 NEM55\_59 NEM60\_64  
NEM65 NEM66 NEM67 NEM68 NEM69  
NEM70\_74 NEM75\_79 NEM80\_84 NEM85\_89 NEM90\_94  
NEM95\_GT

- 3) HCCs defined in the main program **V2113H1P** by the macro variable **&HCCV21\_list87**
- 4) CC's (condition categories assigned before hierarchies are applied) defined in the main program **V2113H1P** by the macro variable **&CCV21\_list87**
- 5) Score variables:
  - **SCORE\_COMMUNITY** - community model
  - **SCORE\_INSTITUTIONAL** - institutional model
  - **SCORE\_NEW\_ENROLLEE** - new enrollees model

The user should determine which of the three scores is appropriate for the beneficiary depending upon the status of that beneficiary.