

## **HHS-HCC Risk Adjustment: Complementary Health Assessments Offered to Florida Blue Commercial Members**

Risk adjustment, a component of the Affordable Care Act, helps align payments to health plans with the risk characteristics of people enrolled in each plan. Accurate risk adjustment relies on comprehensive, face-to-face health assessments of patients. These assessments result in appropriate medical record documentation and diagnosis coding.

### **Telehealth and In-Home Assessments**

From August through December of this year, we will offer **telehealth and in-home health assessments** to our commercial PPO and HMO members with Health and Human Services Hierarchical Condition Categories (HHS-HHC) conditions. The purpose of the assessment is to reach patients who have not had a Risk Adjustment (RA)-eligible visit with a doctor in the current calendar year and have historic HHS-HCC conditions – per previous-year documentation.

There is no extra cost for the member to complete the assessment which is intended to complement care provided by a primary care physician (PCP).

[Emcara Health LLC's](#) nurse practitioners will contact specific members on our behalf to schedule and conduct health assessments. Emcara is an in-home health care provider.

### **How You Can Help**

The assessment results will be shared with each member's PCP. **We encourage you to follow-up with your patients** after you receive results for your Florida Blue commercial patients.

Emcara Health is an independent company contracted to facilitate health assessments and provide health and wellness information for Florida Blue and Florida Blue HMO members. HIPAA permits a covered entity, such as your practice or Florida Blue to share PHI with another covered entity or its contracted business associate for the purpose of care coordination. See 45 C.F.R. § 164.501 and 45 C.F.R. § 164.506(c)(4).