

Apixio & Sigma Health Plan*

Increasing Risk Score Accuracy with HCC Profiler - Code Identifier

Fast Facts: First & Second Pass, MA

70,000

LIVES REVIEWED

983

NEW HCC CODES

98.5%

CODING ACCURACY

About the plan:

- Large health plan in a major metropolitan region
- 100,000 total MA lives

About the project:

- EHR & PDF charts processed
- Apixio won business after successful 5-week pilot
- Formal project consists of 1st and 2nd pass review of previously coded MA charts
- In 2017, Sigma Health Plan* will use the HCC Profiler service to perform first-pass chart review for both their MA and commercial memberships.



*Pseudonym

Sigma Health Plan*

A Winning Pilot:

Sigma Health Plan* (SHP) commissioned 5-week parallel pilots with Apixio and another vendor for a first pass review of 200 medical charts. The Apixio team retrieved and analyzed the relevant data from Epic in under 3.5 weeks. SHP coders then completed their coding review of the charts using HCC Profiler, bringing the total timeline to 4.5 weeks. The other technology vendor under evaluation was unable to even extract the data within the 5-week project timeframe. The Apixio team found 600 new supported HCC codes in the charts, a strong result that pleased SHP.

Formal Project Launch:

SHP used HCC Profiler to do a second pass review of charts for 63,679 MA members in SHP's employed provider practice and a first pass review of 5,505 MA members in its independent provider network.

- A "Zero Evidence" report was presented, listing previously reported HCCs from the RAPS return file that lacked sufficient evidence in the submitted encounter notes.
- Apixio worked closely with Sigma Health Plan's* risk adjustment director to sync the coding guidelines with the organization's standards, and ensure adherence by experienced and rigorously assessed coders.
- 983 new HCC codes and 177 potential deletes were delivered by Apixio in under 12 weeks – a pace unattainable without technology. SHP audited and agreed with 98.5% of the new codes. They agreed with 72% of the potential HCC deletes, despite Apixio's handling only 70% of SHP's total MA charts.



HCC Profiler Yields Strong ROI, with Accuracy and Speed:

983

New supported HCC codes found

177

Unsupported HCC codes found

UNDER

12wks

Total formal project timeline, including data acquisition and validation

Plans for 2017 and Beyond

In 2017, Sigma Health Plan* will use the HCC Profiler service to perform first-pass retrospective chart review for their MA and commercial memberships. In 2018, they will use the HCC Profiler application to perform first-pass retrospective chart review for both memberships.

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