EXHIBIT A

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Kronick Briefing on RADV

Briefing materials:

- Coding intensity issue paper
- RADV slides?

Rick's questions:

- How to compare MA error rate with the FFS error rate?
- What RADV results do we have to date?
- What coding activities are plans up to? How does it differ by plan?

How to compare MA error rate with the FFS error rate?

	Total Error Rate	Overpayments	Underpayments
FY2009	15.4%	13.4%	2.0%
FY2010	14.1%	12.0%	2.1%
FY2011	11.0%	8.0%	3.0%

	Diag Error Rate	Overpayments	Underpayments
FY2009	13.9%	?	?
FY2010	13.3%	?	?
FY2011	11.0%	?	?

Isn't it true that if plans are mostly coding by pulling diagnoses from claims, then their error rate should be about the same as FFS? And if they are pulling from charts, their error rates should actually be lower? If this is true, why are the program-wide error rates higher than the 5% FFS adjustor estimate?

- FFS adjustor estimate was very preliminary – based on a small sample of records. We are doing a more extensive medical record audit of CERT claims to develop a more reliable estimate of FFS coding error.
- Plans that are pulling codes from claims should have an error rate that is similar to FFS.
- Plans that are coding more aggressively may have an error rate that is lower or higher than FFS.
  - This will depend on how carefully they are pulling codes from the records and whether they are following ICD-9 coding guidelines.

- o *What about plans that are doing assessments to generate new medical record documentation? Do we expect their coding errors to be lower or higher than FFS???*

What RADV results do we have to date?

- Discuss programmatic error rates
- Contract-level results
  - o *What is the average error rate for targeted plans?*
  - o *What are the error rates in the targeted for high-fliers from rick's analysis?*

What coding activities are plans up to? How does it differ by plan?

- *Retrospective medical record review*
- *Targeting beneficiaries and having them come in to doctor's office*
- *Health assessments*

How are we planning to select contracts for RADV audits in the future? What level of recoupments do we expect?

What are we recommending in terms of coding pattern adjustment for 2013?

What are our best arguments for doing RADV audits, rather than doing plan-specific coding adjustment?