

HRG Tariff Tracker – Insight for CCGs into the financial impact of acute provider coding improvement



Background

Coding improvement within acute providers is a welcome and important step to achieving accurate and reliable data. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) use this to support their planning and commissioning work. However, these improvements can sometimes unexpectedly cause financial implications that can significantly undermine commissioner’s annual budgets when they come on line.

CHKS manages the National Benchmarker tool and Payment by Results (PbR) Data Assurance Framework. Using this data, alongside our analytics and reporting tool HRG Tariff Tracker, we provide CCGs with insight into each of their acute trust’s potential coding improvement.



“Everyone who works with data knows how many hours can be wasted going down a blind alley. CHKS has been working with NHS Trusts for over two decades which means CHKS analysts can share their learning on what the common issues may warrant further investigation which in turn helps us prioritise quickly what to focus on.”

Deputy Director of Information and Information Technology

What we do

HRG Tariff Tracker is a quarterly benchmarking service that gives CCGs an advanced warning of the potential coding improvement for each of their acute trusts, and the future financial consequences to the CCG should this happen.

Using the national PbR data set, comparison is undertaken to the national average position with standardisations applied. The reporting covers inpatient, outpatient and A&E activity using a number of key metrics that help quantify the future financial risk including:

- An executive summary highlighting the key findings and caveats around confounding factors that may underpin the reported risk.
- The CCG’s total financial exposure to under coding by their providers compared to the national average broken down by each provider.
- The CCG’s current over expenditure compared to the national average broken down by each acute provider.
- Top ten HRGs by total value and volume aggregated to CCG level across all providers for both the under and over variances above.
- A profile of their commissioning compared to the national average profile to highlight any differences that might account for any variations being reported.
- Analysis of each acute provider’s coding improvement over time.



Why us?

As part of the Payment by Results data assurance framework, CHKS has successfully delivered over 1,000 audits on behalf of the Department of Health, and has a wealth of experience and expertise in the following areas:

- Clinical coding accuracy
- Point of delivery classification and data definition
- Costing – reference costs, patient level costing
- Income assurance/revenue loss
- Commissioner challenges over data/tariffs

Using our knowledge and experience, we can help you to accurately identify your potential future financial exposure to coding improvement, allowing you to take remedial action to mitigate this before it occurs, reducing the risk of year end deficits and helping you meet your objectives.

Our ongoing reporting supports you with your annual business and budgeting planning to provide with you the evidence you need to support your negotiations with NHS England over annual spending allocations.

Further support

The HRG Tariff Tracker is part of a wider portfolio of support available to commissioners. In addition to our standard reporting, you can choose for further support modules; either combining them into your initial contract or accessing them individually at a later date.

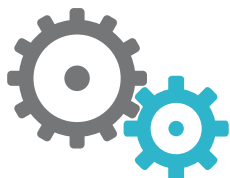
These additional modules include:

- Coding audits - reviews of coding activity within a specific provider or one of their departments where there are areas of concern.
- Variance investigations - detailed reviews of specific areas of coding variation identified in the core reports within individual acute trusts or across multiple providers.
- Data assurance programmes - commissioned as standalone projects to a mutually agreed scope.



"CHKS account management is invaluable. I know I will get the one-to-one support from someone who understands the way an NHS trust works and that makes a big difference when it comes to interpreting data."

Director of Information



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