

# CMS Final Rule Survey Report

## What Providers Are Saying

On April 5, 2023, the 2024 Medicare Advantage CMS Final Rule was released which included updates to diagnosis codes that are mapped to categories of diagnoses called hierarchical condition categories. HCCs predict Medicare costs. DataLink conducted a brief survey with providers to find out what they know about the Final Rule, and how they plan to prepare.

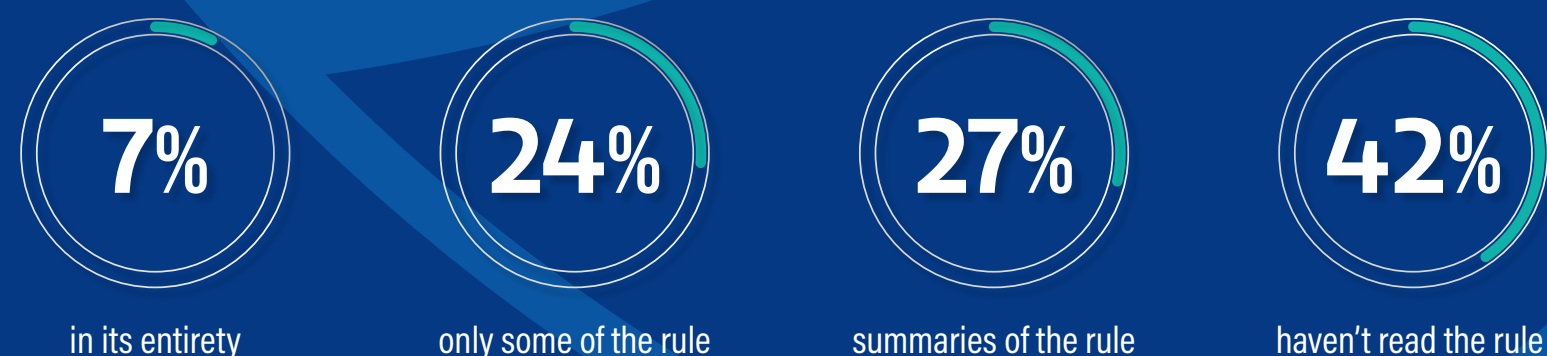
### WHAT'S CHANGING

- ✔ Existing HCCs built on ICD-9 codes
- ✔ New HCCs built on ICD-10 codes

### Resulting in

- ✔ 2,000 codes being removed from the model
- ✔ New HCCs will differ from existing HCCs
- ✔ A number of diagnosis codes will be mapped to different HCCs

How many respondents have read the Final Rule?



How many respondents are aware of the changes made to diagnosis codes as they relate to HCCs?



#### How are providers preparing for these changes?

##### Education

- Attend webinars, trainings, and CME conferences
- Hire consultants

##### Research & study

- Study the Final Rule
- Read articles and reports

##### Adapt

- Remodel financials
- Modify our strategy
- Add new HCCs to database

“Educate providers and cross our fingers!”  
— respondent

“I have concerns that this change will, as always, diminish and delay our billing and cause some financial turmoil to our practice.”  
— respondent

### Top 3 concerns

1. More education is necessary
2. It's a big change at one time
3. Financial/billing challenges

