

# APPENDIX 7

Attachment 1  
Clinical Risk Classification System  
DEFINITIONS

**High Risk - Priority 1**

Patients who are Clinically Complex -- triggering at least **2 flags** from the selection criteria found in the table below

**High Risk - Priority 2**

Patients who are Near Clinically Complex – triggering **only 1 flag** from the selection criteria in the table below

Flag	Description	Data Source	Timeframe
<b>Sensitive Medical Condition</b>	Medications associated with important diagnoses which, if not taken, may lead to a serious adverse event (excludes HCV/Clozapine)	Guardian	6 months
<b>High hospital, ED, Specialty Care and Pharmacy Costs</b>	Patients whose care in the past 6 months has a cost of more than \$100,000	Guardian, TPA Claims	6 months
<b>Multiple Hospitalizations*</b>	2 or more inpatient admissions	CADDIS	12 months
<b>Multiple Emergency Department Visits*</b>	3 or more emergency department visits	TPA Claims	12 months
<b>High Risk Specialty Consultations</b>	2 or more appointments to 'high risk' specialist(s) (e.g., oncologist, vascular surgeon)	TPA Claims	6 months
<b>Significant Abnormal Labs</b>	1 or more abnormal lab value that suggests poor control of a chronic condition or serious medical condition (most recent)	Quest	All - Most Recent or Any
<b>Age</b>	65 years of age or older	DDPS	Current Age
<b>Specific High-Risk Diagnoses/Procedures</b>	1 or more ICD-9 codes from ED visit, hospitalization or specialist visit, suggesting serious condition (e.g., cancer, SLE, dementia)	TPA Claims	All

\*A patient with a point for 2 or more inpatient hospital admissions cannot receive a second point for 3 or more ED visits (and vice versa)

**Medium Risk**

Patients with at least 1 chronic condition who do not meet any selection criteria for Clinical High Risk Priority 1 or Priority 2  
Excluded from the Medium Risk group are patients with only 1 chronic condition and identified as well-managed asthma or well-managed diabetes

Flag	Description	Data Source	Timeframe
<b>1 or More Chronic Conditions</b>	1 or more chronic illnesses, based upon prescribed medications, laboratory tests, or MHTS enrollment (Includes MH High Utilization and Permanent ADA)	Guardian, Quest, MHTS	6 months

**Low Risk**

All patients who do not meet the selection criteria for the High Risk Priority 1, Priority 2, or Medium Risk categories  
Included are patients identified as well-managed asthma or well-managed diabetes

Flag	Description	Data Source	Timeframe
<b>Well Managed Asthmatic/Diabetic Patient</b>	Otherwise healthy patients, including: Patients who use less than 3 SABA dispenses <u>and</u> are not on an ICS Patients with an HgA1C < 7.7 <u>and</u> not on insulin	Guardian, Quest	12 months