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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Years 2026, 2027, and 2028

This memo is to notify Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Cost Contractors, and any demonstration plans of upcoming deadlines to submit risk adjustment data for use in calculating risk scores for Payment Years (PY) 2026, 2027, and 2028. All risk adjustment data (Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) Data and Encounter Data System (EDS) Data) that will be included in the listed risk score runs need to be submitted by 8 pm ET of the “Deadline for Submission of Risk Adjustment Data.”

No data submitted after 8 PM ET on the risk adjustment data submission deadline date will be reflected in the respective model run. Risk adjustment data submitted after the deadline for an initial run but prior to the deadline for the mid-year run will be included in the mid-year run. Risk adjustment data submitted after the deadline for a mid-year run but prior to the deadline for final reconciliation run will be included in the final reconciliation run.

It is important to note that while data must be updated and corrected by organizations before and after the final risk adjustment data submission deadline, CMS will not make additional payments for diagnoses received after the final risk adjustment data submission deadline (42 CFR 422.310(g)).

We strongly encourage organizations to submit their data throughout the data collection period and well in advance of the risk adjustment data submission deadlines to ensure ample time to resolve any data submission issues, such as validation errors, data rejections, or inaccuracies in submitted files by the relevant deadline (initial, mid-year, or final). We expect plans to take particular care before the final deadline, since per 422.310(g)(2), CMS does not include diagnoses submitted after this deadline, and will only process deletes submitted after this deadline, in later risk score runs.

The following table lists all initial, mid-year, and final risk score runs through the PY 2027 final

risk adjustment data submission deadline, with relevant dates of service, and risk adjustment data submission deadlines in the order of future deadlines.

Risk Score Run	Dates of Service	Deadline for Submission of Risk Adjustment Data	Anticipated Payment Month
2027 Initial	07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026	Friday, 09/04/2026	January 2027
2026 Final Run	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025	Monday, 02/01/2027	Monitor MARx monthly payment letters in HPMS
2027 Mid-Year	01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026	Friday, 03/05/2027	Monitor MARx monthly payment letters in HPMS
2028 Initial	07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027	Friday, 09/03/2027	January 2028
2027 Final Run	01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026	Monday, 01/31/2028	Monitor MARx monthly payment letters in HPMS

Questions related to this guidance should be sent to riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov. Please use ‘HPMS Memo- Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Years 2026, 2027, and 2028’ as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.