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TO: Medicare Advantage Part D plans, 1876 Cost Plans, and Prescription Drug Plans

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SUBJECT: Part D Risk Scores for the Risk Adjustment Model Discussed in Part II of the 2022 Advance Notice

On October 30, 2020, CMS published Part II of the CY 2022 Advance Notice, which discusses the proposed Part D risk adjustment model. This memo is to inform Part D sponsors that CMS has posted Part D plan-level risk scores on HPMS. These risk scores are calculated with the model discussed in Part II of the 2022 Advance Notice. Risk scores and accompanying technical notes can be found in the Risk Adjustment module of HPMS under the heading “Proposed Risk Scores.” Select “Proposed PY 2022 Part D Model Risk Scores” from the drop down menu and enter a Contract ID to access information related to a specific contract number.

All risk scores posted on HPMS are PY 2019 risk scores, calculated with diagnoses submitted for 2018 dates of service. The Part D risk scores provided were calculated using the risk adjustment model currently in place for PY 2021 (i.e., the “2020” RxHCC model), and using the proposed model for PY 2022 (i.e., the “2022” RxHCC model) as described in Part II of the Advance Notice. The sources of diagnoses for the risk scores are from encounter data and FFS claims. For the 2020 RxHCC model, risk scores are calculated using diagnoses from encounter data and FFS claims using the specialty-based filtering logic. For the proposed 2022 RxHCC model, risk scores are calculated using diagnoses from encounter data and FFS claims using the CPT/HCPCS-based filtering logic.

Technical questions related to the Part D risk scores posted on HPMS should be sent to riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov and specify “2022 Advance Notice Part D Risk Scores” in the subject line.

To submit electronic comments on proposals in Part II of the CY 2022 Advance Notice, go to www.regulations.gov, enter the docket number “CMS-2020-0093” in the “Search” field, and follow the instructions for “submitting a comment.”