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**DATE:** July 17, 2020

**TO:** All Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations

**FROM:** Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

**SUBJECT:** Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation for Payment Year 2021

This memo is to notify Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations of an upcoming deadline to submit risk adjustment data for use in calculating risk scores for Payment Year (PY) 2021. 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 run needs to be submitted by 8 pm ET of the “Deadline for Submission.”

Risk Score Run	Dates of Service	Deadline for Submission of Risk Adjustment Data
2021 Initial	07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020	Friday, 09/04/2020

For PY 2021, we will apply the blended risk score – 75% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from encounter data, FFS claims, and RAPS inpatient records summed with 25% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from RAPS and FFS.

Questions related to this guidance should be sent to [riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov). Please use ‘HPMS Memo- Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation for Payment Year 2021’ as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.

Thank you.