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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 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 2020, 2021, and 2022

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 upcoming deadlines to submit risk adjustment data for use in calculating risk scores for Payment Years (PY) 2020, 2021, and 2022. CMS will be adding an additional reconciliation run for PY2020. 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 8pm ET of the “Deadline for Submission.”

Risk Score Run		
2020 Interim Final Run	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019	Monday, 02/01/2021
2021 Mid-Year	01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	Friday, 03/05/2021
2020 Final Run	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019	Monday, 08/02/2021
2022 Initial	07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021	Friday, 09/03/2021

For Payment Year 2020 final risk scores, we will apply the blended risk score – 50% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from encounter data, FFS claims, and RAPS inpatient records summed with 50% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from RAPS and FFS.¹

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2020.pdf>

For Payment Year 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.²

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 2020, 2021, and 2022’ as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.

² <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2021-announcement.pdf>