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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations Systems Staff

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

SUBJECT: Encounter Data System – Edit for Missing Admission Diagnosis Code and Risk Adjustment Model Run Impact

This memo describes an update to an edit in the front-end processing system of the Medicare Advantage Encounter Data System (EDS). The edit is applicable to institutional encounter data and was updated on January 6, 2020. The update to this edit may have affected diagnoses submitted for risk adjustment model runs.

The update to the edit was promulgated unintentionally and rejected encounter data with a missing admitting diagnosis code on institutional inpatient records. The rejections occurred at the 277CA level of processing and returned an edit code of A6:>CSSC 232.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rolled back the update to this edit for both encounter data records and chart review records on April 30, 2020.

MAOs may resubmit previously-submitted encounter data that were rejected as a result of the edit update. MAOs should resubmit these encounters by 8:00 PM ET on October 16, 2020 for the diagnoses to be considered for payment.

CMS plans to re-run prior year risk models to address all outstanding issues and will provide information about these runs in subsequent HPMS memos. The issue related to the edit described above will be addressed with the re-runs.

Questions can be addressed to RiskAdjustmentOperations@cms.hhs.gov, please specify, “Encounter Data System – Edit for Missing Admission Diagnosis Code and Risk Adjustment Model Run Impact” in the subject line.

Thank you.