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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2006

TO: All Medicare Advantage and Medicare-Advantage Prescription Drug

Organizations

FROM: Sean Creighton, Acting Director

Division of Risk Adjustment Operations

SUBJECT: Estimated Recalibrated 70 CMS-HCC Risk Scores for Payment Year 2006

This notice is to advise you that the estimated recalibrated 70 CMS-HCC risk scores and corresponding technical notes have been posted on HPMS as of May 10, 2006. CMS used data from the calendar year 2005 dates of service to estimate what the 2006 risk scores would have been had the recalibrated 70 HCC model been used to calculate 2006 payments. The beneficiary counts and estimated risk scores are provided for each plan benefit package (PBP) and aggregated for your organization.

If you have questions concerning your risk scores, please contact Sean Creighton via telephone at 410-786-9302 or via email sean.creighton@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you.