

10 - Introduction

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This manual chapter addresses the policies and operations related to the data collection for, calculation of, and use of risk scores in Part C and Part D payments through 2011. For detailed information on payment policies and formulas, refer to Chapter 8 for Part C payment (a chapter for Part D payment is forthcoming). CMS risk adjusts Part C payments made to Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and Program of All Inclusive Care for The Elderly (PACE) organizations, and Part D payments made to Part D sponsors, including Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug plans (MA-PDs) and standalone Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs).