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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 2019, 2020, and 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 upcoming deadlines to submit risk adjustment data for use in calculating risk scores for Payment Years (PY) 2019, 2020, and 2021. All risk adjustment data (Risk Adjustment Processing System Data and Encounter Data System 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	Dates of Service	Deadline for Submission of Risk Adjustment Data
2020 Initial (RAPS & EDS)	07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019	Friday, 09/06/2019
2019 Final Run (RAPS & EDS)	01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018	Friday, 01/31/2020
2020 Mid-Year (RAPS & EDS)	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019	Friday, 03/06/2020
2021 Initial (RAPS & EDS)	07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020	Friday, 09/04/2020

For Payment Year 2019, we will apply the blended risk score – 25% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from encounter data, FFS claims, and RAPS inpatient records summed with 75% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from RAPS and FFS – when we calculate the initial PY 2019 risk scores, and will continue to do so for mid-year and final risk scores.

For Payment Year 2020, 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 – when we calculate the initial PY 2020 risk scores, and will continue to do so for mid-year and final risk scores.

Questions related to this guidance should be sent to riskadjustment@cms.hhs.gov. Please use “HPMS Memo - Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Years 2019, 2020, and 2021” as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.