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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 2016, 2017, and 2018

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) 2016, 2017, and 2018. 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 the “Deadline for Submission.”

Risk Score Run	Dates of Service	Deadline for Submission of Risk Adjustment Data
2017 Initial (RAPS)	07/01/2015 – 06/30/2016	Friday, 09/09/2016
2016 Final Run (RAPS and EDS)	01/01/2015 – 12/31/2015	Tuesday, 01/31/2017
2017 Mid-Year (RAPS and EDS)	01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016	Friday, 03/03/2017
2018 Initial (RAPS and EDS)	07/01/2016 – 06/30/2016	Friday, 09/08/2017

For Payment Year 2016, the blended risk score -- 10% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from encounter data and FFS summed with 90% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from RAPS and FFS -- will be implemented when we calculate the final PY 2016 risk scores.

For Payment Year 2017, the blended risk score -- 25% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from encounter data and FFS summed with 75% of the risk score calculated with diagnoses from RAPS and FFS -- will be implemented when we calculate the mid-year PY 2017 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 2016, 2017, and 2018' as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.