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**DATE:** January 10, 2022

**TO:** All Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations

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

**SUBJECT:** Deadline Reminder for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Year 2021

This memo is to remind 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 Year (PY) 2021. As announced in the January 15, 2021 HPMS memo, “Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023,” CMS extended our final risk adjustment data submission deadline for PY 2021 beyond the usual deadline timeframe.

As we did for PY 2020, for PY 2021 we are conducting an Interim Final Run with data submitted as of the usual final risk adjustment data submission deadline for a payment year. We will use these Interim Final risk scores in a reconciliation payment run on the same schedule as we typically use for final reconciliation payments for a year. We will then, later, conduct a final payment reconciliation, using data submitted as of the final risk adjustment data submission deadline noted below.

The following table lists the interim final and final PY 2021 risk adjustment data submission deadlines, with relevant dates of service.

All risk adjustment data (Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) data and Encounter Data System (EDS) data) that will be included in the listed risk score runs need to be submitted by 8 pm ET of the “Deadline for Submission.”

Risk Score Run	Dates of Service	Deadline for Submission of Risk Adjustment Data
2021 Interim Final Run	01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	Monday, 01/31/2022
2021 Final Run	01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	Monday, 08/01/2022

Questions related to this guidance should be sent to [riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov). Please use ‘HPMS Memo- Deadline Reminder for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Year 2021’ as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.