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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: Updated Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Final 2016 Risk Score Run and Data Use in Mid-Year 2017 Risk Score Run

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 several changes to upcoming risk scores runs. This is an update to the schedule sent to plans in the April 27, 2016 HPMS memo, "Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Risk Score Calculation Runs for Payment Years 2016, 2017, and 2018."

- **2016 Final Run.** The deadline to submit encounter data for use in calculating final Payment Year 2016 risk scores will be extended to **Monday, May 1, 2017**. We are making this change to allow more time to submit encounter data after the revised MAO-004 reports are sent to plans. The deadline for RAPS data remains the same: Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Diagnoses will be considered for inclusion in the final 2016 risk score run if the respective encounter data or RAPS records are submitted by these deadlines.
- **2017 Mid-Year Run.** The Mid-Year 2017 risk scores will be calculated only with diagnoses from RAPS and FFS claims; we will not blend them with encounter data-based risk scores. We will apply 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 -- with the final payment reconciliation for PY 2017. The deadline for MY2017 risk scores remains the same: Friday, March 3, 2017.

Questions related to this guidance should be sent to riskadjustment@cms.hhs.gov. Please use 'HPMS Memo- Updated Deadline for Submitting Risk Adjustment Data for Use in Final 2016 Risk Score Run and Data Use in Mid-Year 2017 Risk Score Run' as the subject in all communications regarding this guidance.