



# Latest News for Medicare Advantage Plans

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## Advance Call Letter Risk Adjustment Highlights

On 12/20, CMS released Part 1 of the Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY2020 for Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, and other interested parties. The 2020 Advance Notice is being published in two parts again this year due to requirements in the 21st Century Cures Act. This document highlights the proposed changes effecting risk adjustments.

### Model Changes

CMS is proposing the following model changes:

- ◆ Implementing the same Payment Condition Count (PCC) model that was proposed in CY2019 but not finalized. This model takes into account the number of conditions a member has within the payment model.
- ◆ CMS is presenting an alternate PCC model that is similar but includes additional condition categories not in the current risk adjustment model for pressure ulcers and dementia.
- ◆ CMS is also proposing to cap the model at ten payment conditions.
- ◆ CMS recommends using the PCC model beginning in 2020. This model would be fully phased in by 2022. The new PCC model in 2020 would blend 50% of the risk adjustment model used for payment in 2017 and 50% of the new risk adjustment PCC model proposed.

### EDPS

Payment Year	RAPS	EDPS
PY2018	85%	15%
PY2019	75%	25%
PY2020	50%	50%

CMS is proposing to calculate:

- ◆ RAPS Risk Scores using the 2017 CMS HCC Model with diagnoses from all RAPS records and FFS claims.
- ◆ EDPS Risk Scores using the proposed PCC model with diagnoses from encounter data, FFS claims, and RAPS inpatient records.

### PACE

For 2020, CMS is proposing to continue using the same method of calculating risk scores that have been used since PY2015.

### Comment Period

Part 1 of the CMS 2020 Advance Notice has a 60 day comment period. All comments must be received by 6:00 PM EST on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The Final Call Letter will be released on Monday, April 1, 2019.

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