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SUBJECT: **Changes for the Benefit Year 2017 EDGE Key Milestones & Command Deployments Timeline**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released the Benefit Year 2017 EDGE Key Milestones & Command Deployments Timeline for the Risk Adjustment (RA) program. As in previous years, this timeline provides the dates that issuers must provide CMS with their participation status in the Individual and Small Group markets, provide baseline for Benefit Year 2017, and submission deadlines for their External Data Gathering Environment (EDGE) server enrollment and claims data.
The calendar remains similar to last year, with the following notable changes, which align submission dates for furthering the goal of issuing reports earlier, when possible. The data submission deadlines are critical for CMS to release RA reports:

1.) **The first data submission deadline for Q1 and Q2 data will be at 90% of Enrollment and Claims, *not including* orphans.**
This is a change from last year's 90% of enrollment and 25% of claims data, including orphans. The submission of more data at an earlier deadline will allow issuers to better meet future deadlines and help CMS identify issuers struggling with their data submissions through the data assessment (quantity and quality) process well in advance of the April 30, 2018 final EDGE server data submission deadline. Based on issuer data submission successes of Benefit Year 2016, CMS believes that in this fourth year of data submission, issuers are able to better submit data and generally have strong downstream processes for error resolution so they will be able to meet this requirement without significant burden.

2.) **Each interim data submission deadline moved approximately two (2) weeks earlier than where it was for Benefit Year 2016.**
This change coincides with an earlier data collection date and is necessary to ensure that CMS can assess issuer data and resolve any issues earlier to ensure timely delivery of the 2017 Interim RA Reports in March 2018.

CMS looks forward to partnering with issuers for the 2017 Benefit Year EDGE data submission to ensure their success. Additional information regarding the RA program and EDGE server data submission can be accessed at https://www.regtap.info/.