

RETIRED

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201



Date: September 18, 2017

Subject: Deadline Extension for Issuers Affected by 2017 Hurricanes Harvey and Irma for Submission of 2016 Benefit Year HHS-operated Risk Adjustment Data Validation (HHS-RADV) Initial Validation Audit (IVA) Results

The 2016 benefit year is a pilot year for the HHS-RADV program, and CMS appreciates the efforts of issuers and their IVA entities working to collect medical records and other documentation to meet the deadline for IVA submission. Due to the catastrophic hurricanes and tropical storms of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017 and the resulting burden on issuers and providers to provide the medical record documentation required for HHS-RADV, CMS is extending the January 8, 2018, deadline for IVA results submission for all issuers in states classified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as “Major Disasters” as of the date of this notice by 30 calendar days. **Accordingly, CMS will accept submissions of IVA results from issuers with HIOS identification numbers in Texas, Florida, or Georgia until February 7, 2018, at 11:59 PM EST.** At the time of IVA results submission, CMS will release issuers’ second validation audit (SVA) subsample. There will remain a minimum ten day window for submission of medical records for the SVA subsample, with the final submission of medical records for the SVA subsample due to CMS no later than February 20, 2018, at 11:59 PM EST.

The HHS-RADV process is an essential part of the HHS-operated risk adjustment program. By validating the accuracy and quality of data provided from issuers that is used in the calculation of issuers’ risk scores, HHS-RADV promotes confidence in budget-neutral payment transfers under the HHS-operated risk adjustment program. Please direct any questions or concerns to ccioacaradatavalidation@cms.hhs.gov.