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**Subject:** Release of 2015 Benefit Year Risk Corridors Holdback Payments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) held back a portion of 2015 benefit year risk corridors charges it collected to account for administrative appeals, as it did with the 2014 benefit year risk corridors charges collected. Since we recently resolved all outstanding risk corridors administrative appeals arising from the 2015 benefit year, CMS is releasing the remaining holdback amount for the 2015 benefit year to issuers in the August 2017 payment cycle. As CMS notified issuers on November 18, 2016, because risk corridors calculated payments for the 2014 benefit year exceeded risk corridors collections for that benefit year, risk corridors collections for the 2015 benefit year will be used first towards remaining balances on 2014 benefit year risk corridors payments.\* Therefore, issuers that have 2014 benefit year payment balances will receive holdback payments in the August 2017 payment cycle. The holdback payment will be reflected in the August 2017 Preliminary Payment Report.

\*Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/2015-RC-Issuer-level-Report-11-18-16-FINAL-v2.pdf>.