

# 2007/08 Risk Adjustment User Group



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Questions & Answers

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## Payment Issues

1. Q: When there is a discrepancy between the documentation and the model code in the SAS software (e.g., HCC 132 in the functioning graft model), which should plans follow?  
A: Participants should email these discrepancies, with as much detail as possible, to CMS at: [raf\\_payment\\_questions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:raf_payment_questions@cms.hhs.gov) and copy Henri Thomas at [henry.thomas@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.thomas@cms.hhs.gov). CMS will share the responses with all participants.
  
2. Q: Please identify whether beneficiaries should receive the factors for two interactions in the functioning graft model (i.e., RF/CHF and RF/CHF/DM) because the calculation of the risk score does not include the factor, despite inclusion in the model and the creation of a flag in the software.  
A: Only the higher interactions are scored. When, for example, the three-way interaction (in this case RF/CHF/DM) is present, the two-way interaction (in this case RF/CHF) is not added to the risk score.

## Data Validation

1. Q: Do plans need to send the attachments with the copy of the Data Validation letter to the CMS Project Officer (Mary Guy)?  
A: No, plans only need to send a copy of the letter to the CMS Project Officer responsible for the validation year in question.

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