

These questions were asked during the Episodes 201 webinar on 9/25/2019. Future updates and refinements of the Episode Program could change the information provided in the responses.

1. **Q:** How do the MCO's payment schedules work with the pooled approach.

A: The pooled approach should have no effect on the MCO payment schedules. Just like now, the final annual reports will be run using data that includes 6 months of claims run off. For example, the final 2018 reports use all claims and encounters that have been adjudicated by the end of June 2019.

2. **Q:** Can you include the provider or provider NPI in the patient level CSV file?

A: The patient level CSV file only includes the episodes attributed to the Principal Accountable Provider (PAP) so the billing provider on the trigger claim for all these Episodes is the PAP, which is listed at the top of the file.

3. **Q:** How is each MCO risk score calculated?

A: There is no MCO risk score. There is an episode risk score and Principal Accountable Provider (PAP) risk scores that is calculated at the all payer level and for each MCO.

The Episode Risk Score is the ratio of the Average Risk Neutral Episode Spend to the predicted spend of the episode. For example, if an episode is affected by two risk factors, Risk Factor 001 and Risk Factor 002, the Episode Risk Score is:

$$\text{Episode Risk Score} = \frac{\text{Average Risk Neutral Episode Spend}}{\text{Average Risk Neutral Episode Spend} + \text{Risk Coefficient 001} + \text{Risk Coefficient 002}}$$

If an episode is not affected by any risk factors, the Episode Risk Score is equal to one (1). The average of all the episode risk scores for a PAP is the PAP level risk score. Average risk scores are also calculated for each PAP for each payer, it is this PAP risk score at the payer level that is used in the distribution of the all payer calculated incentive among the payers.

More information on risk factors and risk scores can be found in the detailed business requirements sheets posted on the Episodes webpage (<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/Provider/PaymentInnovation/Episodes>). Average risk neutral episode spend and risk coefficients can also be found on the Episodes website in an episode's code sheet.