

**Tech notes regarding risk scores used in the ratebooks:**

Risk scores used in the ratebooks are calculated using the model to be used in the payment year. The beneficiaries included in the county-level risk scores are those enrolled in FFS population, who are enrolled in Parts A and B, do not have ESRD, and were not in hospice. The risk scores of beneficiaries who have a primary payer other than Medicare were included, and their risk scores were adjusted by the MSP adjustment factor for the payment year.

For each year, the raw (not normalized) risk scores are divided by the national average risk score for that year, to produce an average score of 1.0. Normalization and MA coding adjustments are not applied.

Beneficiaries enrolled in Part B for less than 12 months or were enrolled in Part B for at least 12 months and MA for at least one month during data collection year are assigned new enrollee scores.

For Payment Year 2016, the average raw risk scores for each prior year are as follows:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Part C ratebook	0.962	0.978	0.989	0.998	0.996
PACE ratebook	1.001	1.019	1.031	1.043	1.043
ESRD ratebook	0.939	0.947	0.956	0.972	0.974