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TO: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations

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SUBJECT: Release of the 2010 Plan Benefit Package and Bid Pricing Tool Software

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the Contract Year (CY) 2010 Plan Benefit Package (PBP), Bid Pricing Tool (BPT), and plan creation functionality in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS).

To access the 2010 plan creation module, PBP and BPT software, and corresponding technical instructions, plan users should use the following navigation path in HPMS: HPMS Homepage > Plan Bids > Bid Submission > Contract Year 2010 > Bid 2010 Start Page.

Please note that exclusive ESRD Special Needs Plans and ESRD I and II demonstrations will be receiving additional bid submission guidance in a separate memo shortly.

If you require technical assistance, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either 1-800-220-2028 or hpms@cms.hhs.gov.

If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact Sara Walters at either 410-786-3330 or sara.walters@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you.