

December 2016 Actuarial User Group Call

Thursday December 1, 2016
11:00AM - 12:00PM ET



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AGENDA

- Welcome
- CY2017 Bid Review: Lessons Learned feedback from Industry
- CY2017 Bid Review: Lessons Learned feedback from OACT
 - Aggregate Gain/Loss Margin
 - Supporting Documentation
 - PBP to BPT Comparison Tool
- CY2017 Bid Review: Lessons Learned feedback from contracted Bid Reviewers
- CY2018 Bid Pricing Tools (BPTs)
 - No major changes to BPTs
 - MA and PD WS1 General Information Section: Removed EGWP Indicator
 - MA WS1: Section VI, Item 10c “Adjusted GLM” has been removed
 - MA WS4: Section II Subsection C, line item s “Additional Benefits (employer bids only)” has been deleted and will be displayed now as “For Future Use”
 - MA WS4: Section IV “For Employer Bid Use Only” has been removed and section V “Projected Medicaid Data” has been relabeled as Section IV.
 - PD WS 3: Section IV Line 11 has been corrected to allow entry of PDP Bid Ids
 - ESRD BPT – A few minor changes made to make more consistent with the MA BPT
 - WS3, Section 4: An input cell will be created for “Insurer Fees”.
 - WS2, Section II and WS3, Section IV: A sub-total of non-benefit expenses will be calculated and used in the formula for “Total NBE + GLM”.
 - WS2: Components of revenue as a percentage of revenue and “excess funds” will be displayed for informational purposes only.
 - WS2 and WS3: Terminology and footnotes have been updated consistent with the MA BPT.

- None of the revisions cause cells to shift.
- Please submit any comments regarding the CY2018 draft bid form changes by COB Friday December 2nd to: actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov
- OACT plans to release BPTs for Industry Beta testing in February.
- CY2019 Bid Pricing Tools (BPT) Potential Changes - Requesting Feedback
 - We are considering removing text boxes in all BPTs that describe various methodologies (i.e. manual rate). This would include all text boxes in all 4 BPTs with the exception of the working model text boxes on MA WS6 and PD WS7 that do not get included in the finalized BPT. The topics for these text boxes being removed are covered in greater depth within substantiation. Please comment with any concerns. We propose to remove the following text boxes:
 - MA Worksheet 1, II.6. Describe the source of the base period experience data.
 - MA Worksheet 1, V. Description of Other Utilization Adjustment Factor, Other Unit Cost Adjustment Factor, and Additive Adjustments
 - MA Worksheet 2, II.u. Briefly describe the source for the manual rate, including what trend assumptions were used, if applicable
 - MA Worksheet 3, II.4. Briefly explain the methodology for reflecting the impact of maximum cost sharing in Section III
 - MA Worksheet 7, III. Comments
 - PD Worksheet 1, II.6. Briefly describe the source of the base period experience data:
 - PD Worksheet 2, VII.1. Describe the source/year and assumptions used in the development of the manual rate.
 - MSA Worksheet 1, II.6. Describe the source of the base period experience data
 - MSA Worksheet 1, V. Description of Other Utilization Factor and Additive Values
 - MSA Worksheet 2, II.n. Briefly describe the source for the manual rate, including what trend assumptions were used, if applicable
 - MSA Worksheet 5, III. Comments
 - ESRD Worksheet 4, III. Comments
 - We would like feedback on possibly eliminating the “Other Insurance” line, PD BPT Worksheet 3, Section 3, line 8. If you have insurance relationships that are not reflected elsewhere in the bid, please comment on how you use this field and the types of arrangements you include there.
 - We are considering expanding the entries for non-uniform deductibles on worksheets 5, 6, and 6A of the PD BPT. We would like feedback on whether this change would be beneficial for reflecting the benefits more accurately.
 - Please submit any comments regarding these CY2019 proposals by COB Friday January 13th to: actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov

- CY2018 Bid Instructions
 - Gain/Loss Margin
- Other Bidding Topics/Announcements
 - Quality Initiative Program
 - User Group Call Q&A
 - Two Q&A items have been posted to the CMS webpage under Medicare >> Medicare Advantage Rates & Statistics (which is under the Health Plans header) >> Actuarial Bid Questions
 - Cumulative User Group Call Q&A File
 - The Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule (CMS-1654-F), containing the regulatory language for release of bid data can be found at: <https://federalregister.gov/d/2016-26668>.
 - Reminder that the Advance Notice and Draft Call Letter will be released earlier this year (in early February).
- Early Preview – CY2018 Medicare Advantage Ratebook Growth Rates
 - The 2018 Early Preview has been posted to CMS webpage under Medicare >> Medicare Advantage Rates & Statistics (which is under the Health Plans header) >> Announcements and Documents
- Live Q&A
- Conclusion