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**TO:** Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug CY 2010 Plan Sponsors  
and Certifying Actuaries

**FROM:** Paul Spitalnic, Director, Parts C & D Actuarial Group

**DATE:** February 10, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Contract Year 2010 MA and Part D Bid Pricing Tool Beta Testing

We are pleased to announce that CMS will be conducting beta testing of the draft CY 2010 Bid Pricing Tools. Testing will take place from Monday, February 16, 2009 until Friday, February 27, 2009. During this time, you may download the draft CY 2010 bid forms and instructions at the following website: [http://hpmstest.fu.com/test/bpt2010\\_beta/home.html](http://hpmstest.fu.com/test/bpt2010_beta/home.html)

If you have any comments on the beta BPT and instructions, please submit them as soon as possible but no later than **COB Friday, February 27, 2009** in order for CMS to continue the development of the CY 2010 BPTs to meet the expected production release on April 10, 2009. Any comments should be reported to CMS via the website indicated above.

Please note that this beta release contains draft versions of the CY2010 bid forms and instructions. As such:

- The BPTs and instructions are subject to change by CMS prior to the production release.
- The beta BPTs cannot be used to upload any CY2010 bids to HPMS. Plans must download the production BPTs, and use the production BPTs to prepare and upload all CY2010 bids.
- The beta BPT does not contain certain annual parameter updates for CY2010. For example, the MA ratebook and Part D benefit parameters will not be updated (i.e., the beta BPTs contain CY2009 values).

CMS Office of the Actuary will host an actuarial user group call to discuss the draft bid forms and other CY2010 bidding topics. The details are as follows:

- Tuesday February 24, 2009
- 11:00AM - 12:30PM ET
- Dial-In Number: 1-800-857-3437
- Password: Uniform
- Call Leader: Paul Spitalnic

Note: the password and the call leader's name must be provided by the caller in order to participate. This call will include a live Q&A session.

Thank you for your assistance with this process. If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact CMS Office of the Actuary (OACT) at [actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov)