



OFFICE OF THE ACTUARY

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

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Subject: Actuarial Technical User Group Calls

The CMS Office of the Actuary will host a series of weekly actuarial technical user group calls beginning on April 16th. The purpose of these calls is to provide further guidance on completing the Bid Pricing Tools and to respond to questions from industry actuaries preparing CY 2010 bids.

The details are as follows:

- Every Thursday from April 16 through May 28, 2009
- 11:00AM - 12:30PM ET
- Dial-In Number: 1-800-857-3437
- Password: Rebate
- Call Leader: Paul Spitalnic

Note: the password and the call leader's name must be provided by the caller in order to participate.

Each weekly call will include a live Q&A session. Questions may also be e-mailed 48 hours in advance of each call to actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov. Responses to the questions received in advance will be posted on the CMS website at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/08_ActuarialBidQuestions.asp#TopOfPage

Schedule of CY 2010 calls:

April 16, 2009
April 23, 2009
April 30, 2009
May 7, 2009
May 14, 2009
May 21, 2009
May 28, 2009