



OFFICE OF THE ACTUARY

To: Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors and Certifying Actuaries
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Date: April 8, 2010
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 Thursday April 15th. The purpose of these calls is to provide further guidance on completing the Bid Pricing Tools and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who are preparing Contract Year (CY) 2011 bids.

The details of the calls are as follows:

- Every Thursday from April 15 through June 3, 2010
- 11:00AM - 12:30PM ET
- Participant Dial-In Number: (800) 603 - 1774
- Host Company Name: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Topic: Actuarial User Group Call
- Call Leader Name: Jennifer Lazio
- Password: Bidding

In order to join a call, participants will be required to provide the Call Leader's name and the Password to the conference operator.

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.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/08_ActuarialBidQuestions.asp#TopOfPage

Schedule of CY2011 calls:

<u>Call Date</u>	<u>Conference ID</u>
April 15, 2010	66597788
April 22, 2010	66600821
April 29, 2010	66601748
May 6, 2010	66602422
May 13, 2010	66602953
May 20, 2010	66603605
May 27, 2010	66604512
June 3, 2010	66605170