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

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SUBJECT: Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Contract Year 2027 Bid Submission Process

CMS invites all Medicare Advantage (MA), Prescription Drug Plan (PDP), Cost, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations and other stakeholders to provide feedback on the following components of the Contract Year (CY) 2027 bid submission process in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS):

- Plan Benefit Package (PBP) module and API;
- Bid Submission module, including functions such as set-up plans, plan and formulary crosswalks, substantiation and actuarial certification uploads, and service area verification;
- Bid Outlier Justification Module; and
- Bid and benefit reports.

Please limit your feedback to the specific topics noted above and focus on areas such as inefficiencies in the business process or software, and issues that may adversely affect beneficiary understanding of plan benefits. Also, please note that feedback on the Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) and its related business processes is not part of this effort.

Please provide feedback starting Monday, July 27, 2026 through Wednesday, August 12, 2026. As in prior years, comments are being collected via a website application, and HPMS access is not required. The website application is located at:

https://surveys.CMS.gov/jfe/form/SV_4V3t8Mdxg8wExoi

For questions regarding this memo, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either 1-800-220-2028 or hpms@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you for your participation.