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

**FROM:** Richard F. Coyle Jr., Acting Director, Parts C & D Actuarial Group

**DATE:** November 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** December Actuarial User Group Call and Release of CY 2016 Bidding Guidance

CMS Office of the Actuary will host an actuarial user group call on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. The purpose of this call will be to review the Contract Year (CY) 2015 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY 2016 Bid Pricing Tools (BPTs) and corresponding instructions, and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who will be preparing CY 2016 bids.

The details of the call are as follows:

- Thursday December 4, 2014
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM ET
- Participant Dial-In Number: (800) 603-1774
- Conference ID Number: 30279421

If possible, please dial-in ten minutes prior to the call to allow the call to begin on time. Participants will be required to provide the Conference ID number to the operator in order to join the conference call.

This call will include a live Q&A session.

The following information will be posted prior to the call at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Bid-Pricing-Tools-and-Instructions-Items/BidGuidance.html>

- User Group Call Agenda
- CY 2016 Bidding Guidance (including proposed negative margin templates and credibility guidelines for risk scores and ESRD-SNPs)

Please provide any comments regarding the draft CY 2016 BPT changes by COB Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to: [actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov).