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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Demonstration, 1876 Cost, and PACE Organizations

FROM: Cynthia E. Moreno, Director

SUBJECT: Release of the 2007 Plan Benefit Package and Bid Pricing Tool Software

CMS successfully implemented the HPMS hardware upgrades this weekend and the site became operational before 8:00 a.m. today, as scheduled.

In addition, CMS released the Contract Year 2007 Plan Benefit Package (PBP) and Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) software and plan creation functionality on HPMS in this same timeframe. To access the 2007 plan creation module, PBP and BPT software, and corresponding technical instructions, plan users should follow this navigation path in HPMS: HPMS Homepage > Plan Bids > Bid Submission > Contract Year 2007 > Bid 2007 Start Page.

If you have any questions about this memo, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at 1-800-220-2028 or hpms@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you.