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

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Subject: Actuarial Bid Training for Contract Year (CY) 2013

The CMS Office of the Actuary Parts C and D Actuarial Group is pleased to announce the following online training programs:

CY 2013 Actuarial Bid Training will be available on Friday April 6, 2012 at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/BidTraining2013.html>

This training provides actuaries with program and technical guidance for preparing CY 2013 Medicare Advantage and Part D bids. The training material focuses on policy updates, changes to the bid tools and instructions since last year, and other significant bidding topics. This online training session is comprised of three chapters. This training session is recommended for all actuaries preparing or certifying CY 2013 bids.

Introductory/Intermediate Actuarial Bid Training is a separate introductory training session that provides actuaries and other interested parties with a basic overview of the Medicare Advantage and Part D programs and bid forms. This session includes two introductory chapters, plus an additional six chapters that provide further insight into more specific requirements that actuaries must consider when preparing the BPT. This training will be available on Friday April 6, 2012 at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/BidTrainingIntro.html>

No registration is required to access the online training materials. The training may be viewed as a webcast, and the presentation slides can be printed from the website.

Any questions regarding the actuarial bid training sessions should be directed to Ron McDonald at (410) 786-7515.