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To: Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug CY 2009 Plan Sponsors
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From: Paul Spitalnic, Director, Parts C & D Actuarial Group

Date: March 25, 2008

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 April 17th. The purpose of these calls is to provide further guidance on completing the Bid Pricing Tools and to respond to questions from industry actuaries preparing CY2009 bids.

The details are as follows:

- Every Thursday from April 17 through May 29, 2008
- 11:00AM - 12:30PM ET
- Dial-In Number: 1-800-857-3437
- Password: Reinsurance
- Call Leader: Paul Spitalnic

Note: the password and the call leader's name must be provided by the caller in order to participate.

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.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/08_ActuarialBidQuestions.asp#TopOfPage

Schedule of CY2009 calls:

April 17, 2008
April 24, 2008
May 1, 2008
May 8, 2008
May 15, 2008
May 22, 2008
May 29, 2008