

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending August 15, 2008

Title: Invitation to Provide Feedback on the CY 2009 Bid Submission Process in HPMS and the CY 2009 Bid Pricing (Actuarial) Requirements

Date: 8/11/08

Summary: CMS Invites all Medicare Advantage (MA), demonstration, 1876 cost, PACE, and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) organizations and certifying actuaries to provide feedback on the Contract Year (CY) 2009 bid submission process in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). CMS is also soliciting feedback on the CY 2009 actuarial bid requirements.

Title: Conference Call on the Release of the 2009 National Average Monthly Bid Amount

Date: 8/13/08

Summary: Tomorrow CMS will release information concerning the 2009 Part D national average monthly bid amount, the Medicare Part D base beneficiary premium, the Part D regional low-income premium subsidy amounts, and the Medicare Advantage regional benchmarks.

Title: Release of the 2009 Part D National Average Monthly Bid Amount, the Medicare Part D Base Beneficiary Premium, the Part D Regional Low-Income Premium Subsidy Amounts, and the Medicare Advantage Regional PPO Benchmarks

Date: 8/14/08

Summary: CMS is announcing today that the Part D national average monthly bid amount for 2009 is \$84.33, and the 2009 Part D base beneficiary premium is \$30.36.

Title: 2009 “Medicare & You” Handbook – Plan Data Preview

Date: 8/15/08

Summary: As in the past years, CMS is offering your organization an opportunity to preview how your plan data will appear in the upcoming “Medicare & You” handbook. This year, the preview period will be Monday, September 8 through Wednesday, September 10.

Title: Medicare Advantage Quality and Chronic Care Improvement Project Training Now Posted on the Web

Date: 8/15/08

Summary: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) along with the Medicare Advantage Quality Review Organizations (MAQROs) provided a we-based training on QY08 Chronic Care Improvement Programs (CCIPs) and QY09 Quality Improvement Projects (QIPs) on June 18, 2008. This comprehensive training, including an audio version of the training, handouts and the question and answer session, is now available on the MAQROs websites listed in the memorandum.

Title: CY 2009 Summary of Benefits Global Hard Copy Changes, Model Transition Letter, and Required Changes to the Standardized EOC Due to the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA)

Date: 8/15/08

Summary: The memo provides guidance on Global Hard Copy changes permitted in the Summary of Benefits (SB), required SB changes due to programming errors in PBP/SB software and MIPPA, resubmission of SBs due to premium changes. This memo also includes language for the Model Transition Letter and required changes to the standardized language in the Evidence of Coverage.