

**Summary of HPMS Releases**  
For the week ending August 22, 2008

**Title: Release of the CY 2009 Benefit Attestations in HPMS**

**Date: 8/18/08**

**Summary:** CMS is pleased to announce the release of the Contract Year (CY) 2009 Benefit Attestation Module in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). To access the 2009 benefit attestations, plan users should use the following navigation path in HPMS: HPMS Homepage > Plan Bids > Benefit Attestation > Contract Year 2009 > Benefit Attestation.

**Title: Release of Medicare Health Outcomes Survey 2007 Cohort 10 Baseline Reports and 2005-2007 Cohort 8 Performance Measurement Reports in the Health Plan Management System**

**Date: 8/21/08**

**Summary:** On an annual basis, plan-specific baseline and two-year performance measurement summary reports are developed for each participating Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) after the completion of each Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) fielding. Annual reports are made available to MAOs through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). The HPMS is also used as the primary vehicle for announcing the availability of HOS reports to MAOs. An electronic HPMS bulletin has been developed to announce the availability of Medicare HOS 2007 Cohort 10 Baseline and 2005-2007 Cohort 8 Performance Measurement Reports.

**Title: Verification of Parent Organization**

**Date: 8/19/08**

**Summary:** All Part D sponsors are requested to view the General Information Report in HPMS to verify your company's parent organization. The General Information Report can be found in HPMS by clicking on: Contract Management/Contract Reports/Select Year 2009/General Information Report. In those instances where the parent organization field is blank or incorrect, please notify CMS of the correct information by sending an email to [drugbenefitimpl@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:drugbenefitimpl@cms.hhs.gov) by August 22, 2008.

**Title: Plan Preview Periods for November 2008 Part C and Part D Plan Ratings**

**Date: 8/21/08**

**Summary:** On November 13, 2008, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will release improved Part C and Part D ratings in its web-based information tools for Medicare beneficiaries. Please be aware of several important dates in the next several weeks. Comments or questions should be sent to [partdmetrics@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:partdmetrics@cms.hhs.gov).

**Title: CY2009 Final Actuarial Certification Deadline****Date: 8/21/08**

**Summary:** As part of the CY2009 bid submission requirements, an actuarial certification must be submitted, via the HPMS actuarial certification module, for every Bid Pricing Tool uploaded to HPMS. Certifying actuaries were required to complete the initial certification process in June and are now required to complete the initial process, as discussed in Appendix A of the Bid Pricing Tool instructions. The actuarial certification module is now available and all final certifications are to be completed by **August 27, 2008**.

**Title: Preview of the 2009 Addendum for Sponsors Offering Part D****Date: 8/21/08**

**Summary:** CMS is requiring all existing Part D sponsors to execute a new addendum to their contracts with CMS as part of this year's annual contracting/renewal process. The purpose of this memo is to provide a preview of the new addendum. As required by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008<sup>[1]</sup> and the Revisions to the Part D Prescription Drug Contract Determinations, Appeals, and Intermediate Sanctions Processes, the following provisions have been incorporated into a new addendum for existing Part D sponsors.

**Title: Quality Assurance Checks for Data Submitted for Posting on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder Tool****Date: 8/21/08**

**Summary:** This memo serves as a reminder to Part D Sponsors who are preparing to submit their initial 2009 Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder (MPDPF) pricing data files. CMS will continue to perform targeted prescription drug plan quality assurance (QA) and pricing analyses on these data.

**Title: CMS Data Center Maintenance Notice****Date: 8/21/08**

**Summary:** CMS will be performing critical system maintenance at the CMS Data Center from Friday, August 29, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. EDT through Monday, September 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. HPMS will not be accessible to users for the duration of this maintenance window.