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

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SUBJECT: Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Contract Year 2010 Bid Submission

CMS invites all Medicare Advantage (MA), 1876 cost, PACE, demonstration, and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) organizations to provide feedback on the contract year (CY) 2010 bid submission process in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). Specifically, we are seeking comments and suggestions regarding the following areas:

- Plan Benefit Package/Summary of Benefits (PBP/SB) software;
- HPMS Bid Submission Module, which includes functions such as plan creation, bid upload, plan and formulary crosswalks, substantiation and actuarial certification uploads, and service area verification; and
- HPMS bid and benefit reports.

Please note that feedback on the Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) and its related business processes are not part of this effort.

This feedback period will take place from **Thursday, July 9, 2009** through **Thursday, July 23, 2009**. As with prior years, an online Internet application is available to support the collection of your feedback: http://hpmstest.fu.com/test/bid2010_lessons_learned/bid2010_lessons_start.asp

As a reminder, the comment website is accessible via the Internet. HPMS access is not required.

Due to tight development timeframes, feedback should be limited to the specific topics noted above and focus on areas such as inefficiencies in the business process or software, substantive problems or concerns that impact plan organizations on the whole, and issues that adversely affect beneficiary understanding of plan benefits.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at hpms@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you for your participation.