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

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DATE: August 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Contract Year 2010 Bid Pricing (Actuarial) Requirements

The CMS Office of the Actuary invites all Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan organizations and certifying actuaries to provide feedback on the Contract Year (CY) 2010 actuarial bid process. We are seeking comments and suggestions regarding the following:

- Bid Pricing Tools (BPTs);
- BPT Instructions and Guidance;
- Actuarial User Group Calls;
- Actuarial Bidders Training;
- Actuarial Certification;
- Supporting Documentation (i.e., substantiation); and
- BPT Bid Desk Review Process.

The feedback period will take place from **Monday, August 24, 2009** through **Friday, September 4, 2009**. Comments must be submitted via the Health Plan Management System (HPMS), located at:

http://hpmstest.fu.com/test/BPT2010_Lessons_Learned/BPT2010_lessons_start.asp

As a reminder, this website is accessible via the Internet; HPMS user access is not required.

We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to offer comments. Your suggestions will be invaluable as we work toward making improvements for the CY 2011 actuarial bid process.

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