

**Summary of HPMS Releases**  
For the week ending November 7, 2008

**Title: Fall Actuarial Bid User Group Call**

**Date: 11/3/08**

**Summary:** The CMS Office of the Actuary will host an actuarial bid user group call on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this call is to review the CY2009 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY2010 bids, including new guidance for plans with dual eligible beneficiaries, and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who will be preparing CY2010 bids.

**Title: Proposed CY2010 MA Bid Pricing Tool Changes regarding Dual Eligible Beneficiaries**

**Date: 11/3/08**

**Summary:** The MA bid pricing tool (BPT) was originally developed for the 2006 contract year. The tool was designed to capture the plan's revenue requirements, including the benefit cost sharing.

**Title: 2009 Part D Readiness Checklist Assessment Tool Request**

**Date: 11/5/08**

**Summary:** Similar to last year, we are once again asking all Part D sponsors to report back to us the results of their readiness activities. Per the instructions below, please access the electronic version of the 2009 Part D Readiness Checklist Assessment Tool to relay the current status of your preparations for 2009. For your convenience, a hard copy of the Readiness Checklist is attached to this memo; however, we will only accept electronic submissions. Please submit the 2009 Part D Readiness Checklist Assessment Tool by November 21, 2008.

**Title: CY 2009 Revised Regulatory Policy and Guidance Clarification**

**Date: 11/7/08**

**Summary:** The Centers for Medicare Services will be hosting a conference call on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5pm EST. On the call we will provide a high level overview for health plan leadership of our revised regulatory policy and operational guidance for the 2009 benefit year.

**Title: Advance Announcement of Spring 2009 Software Release**

**Date: 11/7/08**

**Summary:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is continuing to implement software improvements to the enrollment and payment systems that support the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug programs (MAPD).

**Title: Enrollment and Payment Processing Information for the End of 2008 – ACTION**

**Date: 11/8/08**

**Summary:** The purpose of this memo is to provide Plans with a high-level view of the upcoming 2008 End of Year (EOY) processing activities with respect to Plan enrollments and payments.