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

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SUBJECT: Release of the CY 2009 Benefit Attestations in HPMS

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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.

Your contract will not appear in the Benefit Attestation list of contracts until **ALL** plans are approved under your contract. If your contract is not appearing in this module, it means you have at least one outstanding plan pending CMS approval. If you would like to check on the status of your plans, please refer to the Bid Status History Report located under the Bid Reports Section of HPMS.

Please remember that all organizations (except PACE) that complete and submit a bid are required to download and submit the Benefit Attestation with their contract package. Organizations may only submit a contract package once it has successfully downloaded its approved benefit attestation. Further guidance is forthcoming on CMS' contractual requirements.

If you have questions about this memo, please contact Sara Walters at Sara.Walters@cms.hhs.gov or at 410-786-3330. Thank you.