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

FROM: Jennifer Lazio, Director, Parts C & D Actuarial Group

DATE: November 18, 2016

SUBJECT: December Actuarial User Group Call and Release of CY 2018 BPT Updates

CMS Office of the Actuary will host an actuarial user group call on Thursday, December 1, 2016. The purpose of this call will be to review the Contract Year (CY) 2017 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY 2018 Bid Pricing Tools (BPTs) and corresponding instructions, and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who will be preparing CY 2018 bids.

The details of the call are as follows:

- Thursday, December 1, 2016
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM ET
- Participant Dial-In Number: (800) 603-1774
- Conference ID Number: 19056735

If possible, please dial-in ten minutes prior to the call to allow the call to begin on time. Participants will be required to provide the Conference ID number to the operator in order to join the conference call.

This call will include a live Q&A session.

An agenda including proposed CY 2018 BPT updates will be posted prior to the call at:
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Bid-Pricing-Tools-and-Instructions-Items/BidGuidance.html>

Please provide any comments regarding the draft CY 2018 BPT changes by COB Friday, December 2 to: actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov.