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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, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** December Actuarial User Group Call and Release of CY 2017 BPT Updates

CMS Office of the Actuary will host an actuarial user group call on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015. The purpose of this call will be to review the Contract Year (CY) 2016 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY 2017 Bid Pricing Tools (BPTs) and corresponding instructions, and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who will be preparing CY 2017 bids.

The details of the call are as follows:

- Thursday, December 3, 2015
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM ET
  
- Participant Dial-In Number: (800) 603-1774
- Conference ID Number: 74546438

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.

The following information will be posted prior to the call at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Bid-Pricing-Tools-and-Instructions-Items/BidGuidance.html>

- User Group Call Agenda
- CY 2017 Mock-Ups for proposed BPT changes to MA Worksheet 4 and Part D Worksheet 3

Please provide any comments regarding the draft CY 2017 BPT changes by COB Friday, December 4 to: [actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov).