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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 22, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Fall Actuarial User Group Call and Release of CY 2021 BPT Updates

CMS Office of the Actuary will host an actuarial user group call on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. The purpose of this call will be to review the Contract Year (CY) 2020 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY 2021 Bid Pricing Tools (BPTs) and corresponding instructions, and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who will be preparing CY 2021 bids.

The details of the call are as follows:

- Thursday, December 5, 2019
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM ET

**NEW FOR THIS CALL – There are two options to join the call as follows:**

**Option 1: To be able to ask questions during the live Q&A portion of the call, you MUST join the call as follows:**

- Participant WebEx Link: <https://events-cms.webex.com/events-cms/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4ae370c60960ba7f8d2f645c7a00f491>
- Enter your name and additional information, as requested
- Click “Join Now”
- Follow the instructions that appear on your screen to “Connect to Audio,” using the “Call Me” option. You will enter your phone number, and WebEx will call you. When you answer the call, you will be connected to audio.

**Option 2: To participate in listen-only mode, you may join the call as follows:**

- Participant Dial-In Number: (844)-396-8222 (toll free)
- Access Code: 903 439 667
- You will not have to provide your name and additional information.
- You will not be able to ask live questions.

This call will include a live Q&A session. In order for a participant to be able to ask questions during the live Q&A portion of the call, the participant **MUST join the call using Option 1 above.** Participants that use Option 2 will be able to listen to the call, but will be unable to ask live questions.

If possible, please dial-in ten minutes prior to the call to allow the call to begin on time.

An agenda and a draft CY2021 Part D bid pricing tool will be posted prior to the call at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Bid-Pricing-Tools-and-Instructions-Items/BidGuidance.html>