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

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SUBJECT: Contract Year 2022 MA and Part D Bid Pricing Tool Beta Testing

We are pleased to announce that CMS will be conducting beta testing of the draft Contract Year (CY) 2022 Bid Pricing Tool (BPT). Testing will take place from Friday, February 19, 2021 until Monday, March 1, 2021. During this time, you may download the draft CY 2022 bid pricing materials at the following website:

https://hpms.cms.gov/public_files/BPT2022Beta.zip

If you have any comments on these draft materials, please submit them by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on **Monday, March 1, 2021** in order for CMS to continue the development of the CY 2022 BPTs to meet the expected production release on April 9, 2021. Any comments must be reported to CMS via the website indicated below.

https://cms.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cCOR2sd2qZR13V4

Please note that this beta release contains draft versions of the CY 2022 bid pricing materials. As such:

- These materials are subject to change by CMS prior to the production release.
- The beta BPTs cannot be used to upload any CY 2022 bids to HPMS. Organizations must download the production BPTs, and use the production BPTs to prepare and upload all CY 2022 bids.
- The beta BPTs do not contain updates for certain annual parameter updates for CY 2022. For example, discriminatory cost sharing factors have not been updated (i.e., the beta BPTs contain some CY 2021 values or placeholders).

Thank you for your assistance with this process.

Technical note regarding the BPTs: The add-in file (BPT2022.xlam) must be saved under the C:\BPT\BPT2022\ directory. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either 1-800-220-2028 or hpms@cms.hhs.gov.