



OFFICE OF THE ACTUARY

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

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

SUBJECT: Actuarial User Group Calls

CMS Office of the Actuary will host a series of weekly actuarial user group calls beginning on Thursday, April 17. The purpose of these calls will be to provide further guidance on completing the Bid Pricing Tools and to respond to questions from actuaries who are preparing Contract Year (CY) 2026 bids.

The details of these calls are as follows:

- Every Thursday from April 17 through May 29, 2025
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM ET

There are two options to join the call as follows:

Option 1: To be able to ask questions during the call, join online at—

- <https://cms.zoomgov.com/j/1612415426?pwd=0E4DthflawNal4FU7cxDFH3uIzkMHT.1>
- Webinar ID: 161 241 5426
- Passcode: 494985

Option 2: To participate in listen-only mode, join by phone at—

- Participant Dial-In Number: (833) 568-8864 (Toll Free)
- Meeting ID: 161 241 5426

Each weekly call will include a live Q&A session. Questions may also be e-mailed 48 hours in advance of each call to actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov. Responses to the questions in advance that are read on the call will be posted on the CMS website at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/medicare-advantage-rates-statistics/actuarial-bid-questions>