



To All Stakeholders

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Next RETAP meeting date and an invitation to:

- comment on the REF entry & verification criteria guidelines and the inflation adjustment method
- and to submit inflation estimates for 2010

The next RETAP meeting will be held on 19 February at the CMS offices at 10h00.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the inflation estimates for the REF weighting table for 2010, changes to the entry and verification criteria and discussions on the 2010 REF pricing study

This circular serves to invite stakeholders to comment on the current guidelines¹ before Monday 8 February 2010. Comments will be considered before the publication of Version 5 of the guidelines by 28 February 2010.

Comments are invited on the method to estimate the inflationary adjustments for the REF weighting table for 2010², and stakeholders are invited to submit their inflation estimates on the template available on the website³. Comments must reach this office by Monday 8 February 2010.

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¹ Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with REF Risk Factors in Accordance with the REF Entry and Verification Criteria Version 4, 6 October 2008, available at: http://www.medicalschemes.com/publications/ZipPublications/Risk%20Equalisation%20Fund/V4_of_Entry_and_Verification_Guidelines.pdf

² Methodology to determine the REF weighting table and REF count table for 2009 [Base 2005, Use 2009], 30 October 2008 available at: <http://www.medicalschemes.com/publications/ZipPublications/Risk%20Equalisation%20Fund/Methodology%20to%20Determine%20the%20REFWT%20for%202009.pdf>

³ Template for the submission of Inflation Estimates 2010, 21 January 2010, available at: <http://www.medicalschemes.com/publications/publications.aspx?catid=23&selectId=55>

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