CMS invites Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and other entities to provide comments on the Encounter Data Professional Processing and Pricing System (EDPPPS) proposed edits.

The EDPPPS document contains the following information:

- **EDPPPS EDIT #** - This is the internal EDPPPS edit number.

- **EDPPPS EDIT CATEGORY** – The categories of the proposed EDPPPS edits are Validation, Provider, Beneficiary, Reference, Limit, Conflict, Pricing, National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), and Duplicate.

- **EDPPPS EDIT DISPOSITION –** The two (2) possible edit dispositions are "Reject" and "Informational". The edits identified as "Reject" will cause the encounter to fail and will require the MAO or other entity to resubmit in order to pass EDPPPS edits. The edits identified as "Informational" will cause an informational edit flag to be placed on the encounter; however, the encounter will not reject and MAOs and other entities will not be required to resubmit the encounter.

- **EDPPPS EDIT ERROR MESSAGE –** This provides the error message associated with the EDPPPS edit number.

MAOs and other entities should communicate their recommended change using the EDPPS Comment Tool. Please populate each column of the tool for any edit that requires a change.   An example is provided on the tool for each of the following columns:

- **EDPPPS EDIT #** - This should be copied directly from the EDPPPS Proposed Edits.V1 spreadsheet and must reference the edit number that the MAO or other entity wishes to change.

- **EDPPPS EDIT DISPOSITION CHANGE –** This should be a different disposition than is currently proposed by CMS.   For example, if the CMS proposed edit disposition is "Reject", as indicated in the EDPPPS Edit Disposition column, and the MAO or other entity wishes for the edit to be Informational, then "Informational" should be populated in the EDPPPS Disposition Change column.

- **EDPPPS EDIT COMMENT –** MAOs and other entities should provide a brief explanation for the EDPPPS Edit Disposition Change.

MAOs and other entities must complete all columns of the "MAO EDPPPS Edits Comments.V1" spreadsheet in order for the EDPPPS Edit Disposition to be considered. CMS will compile comments from all MAOs and other entities and determine if the current proposed edit dispositions require modification. The final EDPPPS edits will be communicated to MAOs and other entities through the next EDS 837-Professional Companion Guide release and through a User Group call.

MAOs and other entities must provide comments on the EDPPPS Proposed Edits using the spreadsheet provided to eds@ardx.net by **December 14, 2011 no later than 5:00PM, EST**. For assurance of edit disposition change consideration, please ensure that comments are provided using the "EDPPPS Proposed Edits" and "EDPPPS Edits Comments" tools.