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**Amendment #7 to Request for Proposals (RFP)
Pharmacy Benefits Plan Management Services and Pharmacy Purchasing Pool
Management
Solicitation No. F10B0400006
August 16, 2010**

This Amendment is being issued to amend and clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. All information contained herein is binding on all Offerors who respond to this RFP. Specific parts of the RFP have been amended. The following changes/additions are listed below; new language has been double underlined and marked in bold (ex. **new language**) and language deleted has been marked with a strikethrough (ex. ~~language deleted~~).

A revised version of "Attachment J - Technical Proposal" is provided with this Amendment, and incorporates all changes from Amendment #1 through Amendment #7.

1. Amend AR-33 of Attachment J-4: Administrative Requirements as follows:

AR-33	<p><u>The Contractor shall abide by Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art. §15-1633 through §15-1635. In addition, at the participant's request,</u> the Contractor will provide disclosures to individual participants when the individual participant is subject to <u>other</u> drug switching or drug substitution <u>transactions</u>, whether the drug substitution <u>transaction</u> occurs at retail, mail order or specialty pharmacy; such disclosures should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) the name of the drugs involved in the switch or substitution; b.) the cost savings associated with the switch or substitution at the time of the substitution; c.) any differences in the individual participant's copayments or other out-of-pocket expenses; d.) the circumstances under which the originally prescribed drug will be covered; e.) notification that the participant may decline the drug switch or drug substitution if the originally prescribed drug remains on the participant's formulary and the participant is willing to pay the difference in the copayment amount; and f.) a toll-free telephone number the participant may use to communicate with the Contractor. 	Select one
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2. Amend AR-66(e) of Attachment J-4: Administrative Requirements as follows:

AR-66	<p>e.) The Contractor will provide reports that include details of at least the following received directly or indirectly in connection with the State plan and the Maryland Rx Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prescription Pricing Components (e.g. retail, mail and specialty pharmacy AWP, AWP discounts, dispensing fees, etc.); ◆ Manufacturer payments (e.g. formulary rebates, administrative fees, educational grants, detailing payments, bonuses, etc.), including amount and source; ◆ Administrative fees or payments from labelers or wholesalers (discounts, rebates, grants, detailing payments, bonuses, etc.) including amount and source (<u>not including the acquisition cost of products dispensed from the Contractor's mail service and specialty pharmacies</u>); and ◆ Outreach and outcomes of any other arrangement(s) from which the PBM may profit (<u>not including the acquisition cost of products dispensed from the Contractor's mail service and specialty pharmacies</u>). 	<p>Select one</p>
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3. Amend AR-89(a) of Attachment J-4: Administrative Requirements as follows:

AR-89	<p>Rebates</p> <p>a) The Contractor agrees that all Pharmaceutical manufacturer payments (as defined in Section 1.2(dd.) of the RFP), including rebates, fees, discounts, grants or payments of any kind that are associated with the State's pharmacy benefit program are to be considered a rebate and are to be passed through to the State. <u>Discounts from wholesalers and manufacturers applied to the acquisition cost of products dispensed from the Contractor's mail service and specialty pharmacies are not to be considered "rebates" for purposes of this Administrative Requirement.</u></p>	<p>Select one</p>
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4. Amend PG-9 of Attachment J-12: Performance Guarantees as follows:

PG-9	Automated Claim System Availability Rate	<p><u>Except for scheduled downtime of no more than an average of two (2) hours per week,</u> the automated claims system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.</p>	Quarterly	99.9% or greater
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Offerors are to acknowledge receipt of this amendment by providing a signed document to the Procurement Officer at the address provided in RFP Section 1.6 by 2:00 PM, August 30, 2010, stating that this Amendment #7 has been received and reviewed by the Offeror. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an amendment does not relieve the Offeror from complying with all terms of any such amendment.

Issued and authorized by

Gabriel Gnall
Procurement Officer

Attachment:
Attachment J – Technical Proposal (revised – Amendment # 7)