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AMENDMENT #3 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND PURCHASING POOL MANAGEMENT

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Amendment #2 is being issued to amend language and clarify information contained in the above-named MS-IFB. All information contained herein is binding on all offerors who respond to this MS-IFB. Specific parts of the MS-IFB have been amended. The following changes/additions are listed below; new language has been double underlined and marked in **bold** (i.e., **word**) and language deleted has been marked with a strikeout (i.e., word).

1. Revised MS-IFB Key Information Summary Sheet as follows:

Questions Due Date and Time – February 13, 2024 Local Time <u>– Phase II questions concerning the additional</u> release of data files and other deliverables due by March 25, 2024 @ 2 PM.

- **2.** Revised MS-IFB Section 2.3.11 Data and Reporting Subsection F as follows:
- F. Contractor shall support the State's compliance with the No Surprises Act (NSA) and Transparency Regulations' requirements by (1) providing Advanced Explanations of Benefits for scheduled services; (2) providing price comparison tools under the NSA; (3) providing the plan with machine-readable files (updated monthly) with in-network negotiated rates and historical out-of-network allowed amounts; (4) for prescription drug coverage, providing machine-readable files with negotiated rates and prices for covered prescription drugs; and (5) reporting on pharmacy and drug costs as required under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Contractor shall provide, on a monthly basis, a full file of all claim activity to the State's data warehouse vendor. This file shall include Social Security Numbers and be transmitted electronically to a designated VPN connection. This process shall be established through the State of Maryland's consultant. Please note that items F1 and F3 are not being enforced at this time, pending the issuance of regulation. However, we expect compliance with these requirements once regulations are issued.
 - **3.** Revised MS-IFB Attachment M. Contract Section 3 Period of Performance Subsection 3.1 as follows:
- 3.1 The term of this Contract begins on the date the Contract is signed by the Department following any required prior approvals, including approval by the Board of Public Works, if such approval is required (the "Effective Date"). The Contract shall have a period of approximately 3 years beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027 2028 ("Initial Term").