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BIDDER NOTICE

**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND PURCHASING POOL MANAGEMENT
SOLICITATION NUMBER – BPM039929**

Dear bidders,

Please note that the weighting logic used between Rounds 1 and 2 has been adjusted beyond the shift from participants (total lives) to Members (subscribers). As a result, Round 1 results have been reposted and are now consistent with Round 2 results and the MS-IFB. The Round 3 deadline has also been extended to 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, May 22.

The weighting methodology used in Round 1 shifted the costs between the lines of business (Commercial and EGWP) for each pricing component, i.e., Network, Rebates, Fees; however, the weighted Total Projected Cost (TPC), i.e. the sum of the weighted pricing components for all lines of businesses, was equivalent to the sum of the unweighted TPC. This was not in line with the original intent of the MS-IFB.

The weighting methodology was corrected to align with the MS-IFB for Round 2. The correct methodology uses a straight weighted average based on Member counts, which adjusts the weighted TPC relative to the unweighted TPC. Bidders will likely notice the individual weighted pricing components are now adjusted by the same ratio as the overall weighted TPC, resulting in less fluctuation of the pricing components in Commercial vs EGWP.

Thank you,

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