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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND PURCHASING POOL MANAGEMENT

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1. 2.2.10 of the MS-IFB indicates that “DBM intends to make a single award to one bidder for a planned go-live date of January 1, 2025, ... for pharmacy benefits management services (including EGWP services) for the State Pharmacy Benefits Plan... .” As recently as Jan 23, 2024, news articles have suggested that the current Medicare retirees coverage under the plan would not be continued and eligible retirees would be encouraged to enroll in coverage under Medicare.

Response: Following the decision in recent litigation, which lifted the injunction prohibiting the State from transitioning retirees to Medicare Part D, the State has begun the process as required under the current statute. Given that the legislature is currently in session, the Department is fully prepared for either scenario.

2. What lines of business make up the Purchasing Poole lives?

Response: The Purchasing Poole is available through the commercial plan only. The State is aware of one (1) formal inquiry from a county school system. To date, there has been no further action. It is important to note that a qualified entity is not required to notify the State. However, the PBM is required to keep the State informed with respect to inquiries and any implementation.

3. We are looking for a claims history files for the commercial and EGWP populations, usually these files includes at least one year worth of claims data inclusive of the below fields:

Fill Date	NDC	Quantity Dispensed	Days Supply
NABP/NPI (Pharmacy Identifier)	Retail/Mail Flag	Brand/Generic Indicator	Formulary Indicator
Member Demographics (**include Zip Code if requesting GeoAccess)		Member ID (Can be de-identified)	

Response: This is scheduled to be provided in phase II.

4. The instructions at page 2 of Attachment T (Participant Bidding Agreement (PBA)) states that bidders shall agree or disagree to the definitions and conditions stated in the PBA. We understand that any disagreement with the provisions in Attachment T could result in a negative impact to the scoring of bids. If there are provisions or definitions in Attachment T that a bidder is not operationally able to comply with, how may a bidder indicate that it is not able to agree to that provision/definition?

Response: The Participant Bidding Agreement (PBA) as shown in Attachment T, is required to be agreed to in its entirety. If there are any provisions or definitions that a bidder does not comply with, the bidder should submit a question to the State seeking acceptance of alternative language. If the State deems that any alternative language is acceptable, an amendment to such term will be issued, and all bidders will be notified. Bidders must submit all questions by the question submission due date for any caveats to be reviewed. February 13th, 2024, is the current submission due date for questions.