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MMCAP News, December 2008

Dear State Contacts:

“MMCAP News” is issued monthly to provide the latest information on the MMCAP program and keep you in front of the curve on important issues that may affect your state’s facilities. If you have any questions about the following, please feel free to contact MMCAP at either 651-201-2420 or mn.multistate@state.mn.us.

PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Generic Pharmaceutical RFP

The RFP for these products will be issued in early January. State Contacts will be making contract awards during the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Prime Vendor (Wholesaler)

RFP Released

The RFP for Prime Vendor services was released December 1, 2008. A copy is available on the MMCAP web site at: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/pdf/rfps/rfp2.pdf>

State Selections

Members should begin planning its strategy on how your state will select its Prime Vendor. The short list will be released in late January 2009 and final selections are due to MMCAP no later than April 7, 2009.

INFLUENZA VACCINE PROGRAM

MMCAP issued an RFP for influenza vaccine with responses due December 16, 2008. A copy of the RFP can be found on the MMCAP web site at: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/pdf/rfps/rfp1.pdf>

The annual Flu Vaccine Post cards will be mailed to every MMCAP participating facility very soon. The post card indicates that awards and prebooking information will be posted on the MMCAP web site (“Influenza Vaccine News”) in early January.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MMCAP Director Interviews

MMCAP, along with the Advisory Board Vice Chair, are in the process of interviewing for a new program director. State Contacts will be notified when a decision is finalized.

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Credits to Facilities

MMCAP staff is currently calculating the amount available for return to the member facilities which will determine the amount that each facility will receive. MMCAP expects the money to be delivered to the prime vendors (wholesalers) in December for immediate release as credits to MMCAP facilities' wholesaler accounts.

MMCAP Web Page – Bid Calendar Added

A general notice of upcoming RFPs has been added to the MMCAP web site at

<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/current.htm>

Since Minnesota law prohibits disclosing the exact date of an RFP's publication, the notice only contains the calendar quarter in which the RFP is anticipated to be released.

Monthly Call-In Opportunity

Given the proximity to Christmas and the number of people who will be unavailable for the call, there will be no monthly call in for December.

Schedule for Call-in sessions for 2009, each is on a Wednesday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Central Time. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

January 21	July 15
February 11	August 12
March 11	September 16
April 15	October 14
May 13	November 18
June 17	December 16

Call-in Information: 1-800-621-7628
Pass code 40498

Notes from the November Call-in Opportunity

MMCAP reviewed the information in the November MMCAP news and entertained a limited number of clarifying questions.

If you have questions about any of these items, please feel free to contact me or contact MMCAP at: 651-201-2420 or mn.multistate@state.mn.us

Thank you for choosing MMCAP!