

MMCAP News, January 2009

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

MMCAP will be releasing the request for proposals for these products in the near future. Upon its release, the RFP will be posted on the MMCAP web page and a notice will be sent to State Contacts.

Prime Vendor (Wholesaler)

RFP Released

MMCAP received several proposals to provide these services. The short list of available vendors will be completed the week of January 12. When this process is complete MMCAP will send State Contacts information on the selection process, how to set up interviews with vendors, and where to find their proposals.

State Selections

Since many State Contacts were not in place during the last prime vendor selection, MMCAP is releasing guidelines to assist in the selection. This document will be sent to State Contacts on Monday, January 12.

Vaccines

Sanofi Pasteur’s Vaccineshoppe.com

Effective January 5, 2009, savings on vaccine orders placed through Sanofi Pasteur’s VaccineShoppe.com have been lowered to one percent (1%). Sanofi Pasteur reports that the two percent (2%) savings was an introductory promotion to encourage customers to use their website. This is a national change that is not exclusive to MMCAP members.

INFLUENZA VACCINE PROGRAM

MMCAP is currently negotiating contracts for influenza vaccine. When awards are complete, the State Contacts will receive notice. All awards will be posted on the MMCAP web site (“Influenza Vaccine News”).

GENERAL INFORMATION

2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held March 30-April 1, 2009, in Bloomington, Minnesota. State Contacts will be sent an invitation and travel instructions in February.

Facility Credits

Information regarding facility credits will be available shortly and will be sent to State Contacts upon its release.

Monthly Call-In Opportunity

On January 21, 2009, MMCAP will again host an hour long opportunity for members to discuss issues. The call begins promptly at 11 a.m. Central time

Call in instructions: Dial **1-800-621-7628** enter the Pass Code **40498**

Notes from the December Call-in Opportunity

There was no December call.

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