



MMCAP News, April 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.

MMCAP ANNUAL MEETING

MMCAP held its annual meeting March 30 – April 1, 2009, in Bloomington, Minnesota. The focus of this year’s meeting was to award the generic pharmaceutical products (4,974 products from 77 vendors) making up a majority of MMCAP’s formulary and to hold the annual business meeting. Seventy-one attendees participated from 38 member states. Congratulations to the two new Advisory Board members elected for four year terms -- Jasper Watkins from Florida, pharmacy, and Allen Register from South Carolina, purchasing.

As a reminder to those who attended, all expense reimbursement forms must be completed and returned to MMCAP no later than May 31st. Forms may be sent to: Tricia Heintz, 50 Sherburne Avenue, Suite 112, St. Paul, MN 55155.

PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Generic Pharmaceutical RFP

Thanks to the attendees at MMCAP’s annual meeting, the generic pharmaceuticals have been awarded. MMCAP is in the process of negotiating contracts which will go into effect July 1, 2009.

Prime Vendor (Wholesaler)

MMCAP has provided the latest information to the PPV chairs on the prime vendor process and next steps including a consolidated list of questions received at the annual meeting. When the best and final offer (BAFO) has been sent to the PPV chairs, MMCAP will host a call-in session for those with remaining questions. Detailed information will be provided in the BAFO notification. If you have questions about the process, please contact Almena Dees at: almena.dees@state.mn.us.

MMCAP Shareback Credit

The MMCAP contracted distributors have received the funds for disbursement to individual MMCAP customer accounts. Morris and Dickson have completed the distribution. Cardinal Health and Amerisource Bergen are in the process of distributing the credits. All amounts are expected to be distributed within the next twenty days.

NEW – LABORATORY SUPPLIES PROGRAM

MMCAP now has a contract with VWR and Fisher Scientific, through the State of Minnesota, to provide Laboratory Supplies, Equipment, and Chemicals. A copy of the contract will be available on the MMCAP web page once it is fully executed.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES PROGRAM and ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES PROGRAM

MMCAP has requested a one year extension to this program. The additional one year extension will expire September 30, 2010. Contract amendments will be on the MMCAP web page once they are fully executed.

DENTAL SUPPLIES PROGRAM

MMCAP will be rebidding this program in the near future with contracts in place no later than June 1, 2009.

INFLUENZA VACCINE PROGRAM

Novartis Vaccine and Sanofi Pasteur have lowered their product pricing. Members prebooking influenza vaccine with MMCAP will receive the lowest contracted price—regardless of the date they prebook.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Monthly Call-In Opportunity

As an opportunity for members to discuss questions related to any of the MMCAP programs, the call-in will be, Wednesday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m., central time.

Call in instructions: Dial 1-800-621-7628 Pass code 40498

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