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**MMCAP News, May 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 items that may affect your state's facilities. If you have any questions, please contact MMCAP at 651-201-2420 or [mn.multistate@state.mn.us](mailto:mn.multistate@state.mn.us).

**SWINE FLU (Influenza A, H1N1 virus) OUTBREAK**

MMCAP is receiving daily updates from pharmaceutical manufacturers, prime vendors, and medical supply vendors. For the latest information on this evolving situation and its affect on MMCAP's contracted products and services, visit [www.mmcap.org](http://www.mmcap.org) and click on "Member News" then "Pharmaceutical and Other Services News."

**PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM****Generic Pharmaceutical RFP**

Generic contracts should all be in place by July 1, 2009. Copies will be available on the MMCAP web page in the "Contract Documents" section:

<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/contracts/MMCAPindex.asp>

To ensure smooth transition to the new generic pharmaceuticals awarded from this RFP, MMCAP recommends the following:

- Alert pharmacy and clinical staff of the July 1<sup>st</sup> conversion to a new generic portfolio and prepare for conversion discussions;
- Contact your current prime vendor (wholesaler) and prepare for any implementation processes;
- With your prime vendor representative, review tools that can be used to manage contract compliance, including reporting features, shelf labels, and contact information for questions.

**Prime Vendor Selections**

This week MMCAP will be sending out the final BAFO's (Best and Final Offers) to all PPV Chairs and State Contacts. MMCAP member selection committees will have the option to alter their original April 7th submitted primary and alternate PPV selections contingent on this BAFO notification. Detailed instructions will be provided on how states should proceed when the BAFO is sent out, including instructions on next steps, impact on the contract finalization timeline, and contract extension dates of current contracts.

**LABORATORY SUPPLIES PROGRAM**

The Laboratory Supplies, Equipment and Chemicals contract (L-386) has been added to the MMCAP website. Fisher Scientific and VWR International, Inc., provide nationwide service but D.A.I. Scientific Equipment is only available in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. A complete listing of all available MMCAP contracts is at: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/contracts/contracts.asp>.

**GENERAL INFORMATION****Monthly Call-In Opportunity**

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, MMCAP will again host an hour long opportunity for members to discuss issues. The call begins promptly at 11 a.m. Central time.

**Agenda items:**

Please send suggested topics for discussion to [mn.multistate@state.mn.us](mailto:mn.multistate@state.mn.us) by Friday, May 8, 2009. MMCAP will send an agenda shortly prior to the call.

Call in instructions: Dial 1-800-621-7628, enter pass code 40498.

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](mailto:mn.multistate@state.mn.us)

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