



MMCAP News, June 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.

MMCAP EXPANDING SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERSHIP

In May, the Minnesota Commissioner of Administration approved eight new MMCAP positions that will increase MMCAP’s service capacity level to you, the members. As discussed at April’s Annual Meeting, the positions will increase the core pharmaceutical business staff, build a marketing and field staff program, increase IT and reporting capabilities, and expand our non-pharmacy contracting services.

The Commissioner approved the following positions:

Pharmacist	Non-pharmacy program coordinator
Clinical pharmacist to build a clinical pharmacy program	2 IT positions
Pharmacy distribution coordinator	Membership coordinator
Marketing and field support lead	

Most of the positions are currently posted for hiring and MMCAP has developed an implementation plan that includes position prioritization and training. MMCAP has identified additional administration fees that will be realized to support the cost of the new positions with a 5 to 1 ratio of administration fee revenue to support cost.

PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Pharmaceutical Contract Documents

Effective immediately, MMCAP has changed the access code to be able to retrieve copies of pharmaceutical contract documents. To receive the access code you must either send a request to MMCAP at mn.multistate@state.mn.us or call 651-201-2420.

Returned Goods Processing

Effective June 4, 2009, Jonathan Genovese has replaced Michael Baumann as representative to MMCAP. Jonathan can be reached at:

Guaranteed Returns

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Generic Pharmaceutical RFP

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

www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/contracts/MMCAPindex.asp

The generic/OTC products TO/FROM report will be posted no later than June 9 on the State Contact Information section of the MMCAP web.

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 1st 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

MMCAP received internal approval to process contract extensions of all Prime Vendor contracts (AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and Morris & Dickson). The **contracts are extended from June 30, 2009 to December 30, 2009**. It is MMCAP's intent to have all contracts executed by September 1, 2009, with a transition period of up to 3 months.

Prime Vendors amendments are now posted on the MMCAP website:

www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/contracts/MMCAPindex.asp.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Plan

MMCAP's updated Business Plan will be available after June 30. For copies, please contact MMCAP.

Monthly Call-In Opportunity

On Wednesday, June 17, 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 by Friday, June 12, 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

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