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**Amendment #5 to Request for Proposals (RFP)
Pharmacy Benefits Plan Management Services and Pharmacy Purchasing Pool
Management
Solicitation No. F10B0400006
February 19, 2010**

This Amendment is being issued to amend and clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. All information contained herein is binding on all Offerors who respond to this RFP. Specific parts of the RFP have been amended. The following changes/additions are listed below; new language has been double underlined and marked in bold (ex. **new language**) and language deleted has been marked with a strikethrough (ex. ~~language deleted~~).

A revised version of "Attachment J - Technical Proposal" is provided with this Amendment, and incorporates all changes from Amendment #1 through Amendment #5.

1. Amend RFP Key Information Summary Sheet as follows:

Closing Date and Time: ~~February 26~~ **March 12**, 2010 at 2:00 local time

2. Amend RFP §1.9 as follows:

1.9 Proposals Due (Closing) Date

An unbound original and eight (8) bound copies of each proposal (technical and financial) shall be received by the Procurement Officer, at the address listed in Section 1.6, no later than 2:00 PM (Local Time) on ~~February 26~~ **March 12**, 2010 in order to be considered. Four electronic versions (CD) of the Technical Proposal in MS Word or Excel format shall be enclosed with the original Technical Proposal. Four electronic versions (CD) of the Financial Proposal in Excel format shall be enclosed with the original Financial Proposal. Ensure that the CDs are labeled with the RFP title, RFP project number and Offeror name and packaged with the original copy of the appropriate proposal (technical or financial).

Requests for extension of this date or time will not be granted. Offerors mailing proposals should allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure timely receipt by the Procurement Officer. Except as provided in COMAR 21.05.02.10, proposals received by the Procurement Officer after the due date, ~~February 26~~ **March 12**, 2010 at 2:00 PM (Local Time) will not be considered.

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Proposals may not be submitted by e-mail or facsimile.

3. Amend RFP §2 as follows:

The Offeror must demonstrate the following minimum qualifications as of the date of submission of the proposal:

1. Qualified Offerors must have at least five years experience providing pharmacy benefit management services, including administration of a retail pharmacy network.
2. Qualified Offerors must have at least one million (1,000,000) covered lives across the Offeror's pharmacy benefit management book of business as of the proposal submission date. Discount card programs are not to be counted toward this population requirement.
3. Qualified Offerors must administer at least five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) in annual costs charged to plan sponsors for pharmacy benefit costs, including claims and administrative fees for calendar year 2008.
4. Qualified Offerors must provide proof of current URAC accreditation.
5. Qualified Offerors must provide proof of registration and/or certification as required by the following State laws:
 - a) Certification as a private review agent under Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art., Title 15, subtitle 10B. **If an Offeror is not certified by the date of proposal submission, an Offeror may submit with its proposal, in lieu of proof of certification, a copy of the application-receipt acknowledgment letter provided to the Offeror by the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA), or a statement from the Offeror that an application was filed with MIA by the proposal submission date. If such a statement is submitted with an Offeror's proposal, the Procurement Officer will verify with MIA that the Offeror's application was timely filed with MIA. Once an Offeror receives notice of certification as a private review agent from MIA, that Offeror must supplement their proposal by providing to the Procurement Officer a copy of that notice. Certification as a private review agent for an Offeror recommended for award must be completed within ten (10) working days of the formal notification of recommendation for contract award;**
 - b) Registration as a third party administrator of a group health plan under Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art., Title 18, subtitle 3; and
 - c) Registration as a Pharmacy Benefits Manager under Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art., Title 15, subtitle 16 and the required disclosure report as described in Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art. § 15-1623.

Please refer to Attachment J-1: Minimum Requirements, in the Excel portion of this RFP. The minimum qualifications that relate to the Offeror's experience must be met by the Offeror itself (i.e. the legal entity); the experience of various personnel while with other

employers or organizations may not be considered in determining whether a minimum qualification is met.

4. Amend Attachment J-1: Minimum Requirements as follows:

<p>5. Qualified Offerors must provide proof of registration and/or certification as required by the following Maryland State laws. (Please submit as Response Attachment J-1: Registration/Certifications.)</p> <p>a) Certification as a private review agent under Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art., Title 15, subtitle 10B. <u>If an Offeror is not certified by the date of proposal submission, an Offeror may submit with its proposal, in lieu of proof of certification, a copy of the application-receipt acknowledgment letter provided to the Offeror by the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA), or a statement from the Offeror that an application was filed with MIA by the proposal submission date. If such a statement is submitted with an Offeror’s proposal, the Procurement Officer will verify with MIA that the Offeror’s application was timely filed with MIA. Once an Offeror receives notice of certification as a private review agent from MIA, that Offeror must supplement their proposal by providing to the Procurement Officer a copy of that notice. Certification as a private review agent for an Offeror recommended for award must be completed within ten (10) working days of the formal notification of recommendation for contract award;</u></p> <p>b) Registration as a third party administrator of a group health plan under Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art., Title 18, subtitle 3; and</p> <p>c) Registration as a Pharmacy Benefits Manager under Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art., Title 15, subtitle 16 and the required disclosure report as described in Md. Ann. Code, Insurance Art. § 15-1623.</p>	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; height: 100px; width: 100%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"> <p>Select one</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <p>Select one</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <p>Select one</p> </div>
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Issued and authorized by

Gabriel Gnall
Procurement Officer

Attachment:
Attachment J – Technical Proposal (revised – Amendment # 5)