

## Addendum No. 1

Issue Date: 09/26/2023

Project Name: PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT

Project Number: 298-RFP-PharmacyBenefitMgr24

### TO: Prospective Proposers

This addendum forms a part of the **Request for Proposals** and modifies the original Project Number **298-RFP-PharmacyBenefitMgr24** only to the extent specifically noted below. Failure to acknowledge this addendum in the submittal may subject the submitter to being deemed non-responsive.

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**This Addendum consists of 3 pages in total.**

### **Response to Questions and Clarifications:**

1. Question: Requesting claim files and/or additional data files to support RFP pricing (claims, census, SPD files)

Response: Detail pricing proposals will be requested further in the process. Additional claims, plan design, and program information will be provided at the time of that request.

2. Question: Provide current medical carrier details

Response: Cigna is the current medical carrier.

3. Question: Confirm if current medical carrier is out to bid

Response: Not at this time

4. Question: Confirm current PBM carrier

Response: Express Scripts is the current PBM vendor.

5. Question: Are there current specific issues the City is experiencing in their current PBM arrangement they are aiming to solve through this procurement?

Response: .The City's goal is to provide best in class benefits and member experience as well as administration of their onsite disease management program, known as The Asheville Project (TAP). Additional information regarding TAP will be provided further in the process.

6. Question: Provide total current members

Response: .2392

7. Question: Provide total current employees

Response: .1344

8. Question: Confirm if the City is looking for an Open or Closed formulary

Response: .Detail pricing proposals will be requested further in the process. Additional claims, plan design, and program information will be provided at the time of that request.

9. Question: Is the City looking for a Broad or Narrow pharmacy network?

Response: Detail pricing proposals will be requested further in the process. Additional claims, plan design, and program information will be provided at the time of that request.

10. Question: Is the City looking for an Open or Exclusive specialty arrangement?

Response: Detail pricing proposals will be requested further in the process. Additional claims, plan design, and program information will be provided at the time of that request.

11. Question: Is the City able to utilize copay maximizer and/or PAP programs?

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12. Question: Does the City currently have mandatory mail order prescriptions?

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13. Question: Is an NDA required to be executed to receive claims data? If so, please provide for completion.

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14. Question: Provide current plan design details, and include any proposed future changes

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15. Question: Are there any collective bargaining units included in the employee population? If so, how many bargained groups are there?

Response: No collection bargaining units are in the employee population

16. Question: Provide additional information on the client in general

Response: Detail pricing proposals will be requested further in the process. Additional claims, plan design, and program information will be provided at the time of that request.

17. Question: Confirm whether bidders should expect a second phase of the bidding process to include additional questionnaires, requirements, financial worksheets, and client data.

