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Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) Services Contract Request for Approval

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 10, 2016

Contract Approval Required by Statute

North Carolina General Statutes §135-48.22 and §135-48.33(a) require that the BOT approve all Plan contracts with a value over \$500,000.

The cost of this contract is estimated to be over \$500,000.

This contract is exempt from Department of Administration Purchase & Contract rules pursuant to §135-48.34.



PBM Services Request for Proposals (RFP)

- Intent of procurement: Secure a pharmacy benefit manager to provide services and support that will assist with meeting the Plan's strategic goals for improving members' health, members' experience, and ensuring financial stability.
- Express Scripts, Inc. currently holds the contract for PBM services.
 - Initial term was originally set to expire on September 30, 2013, but extended to December 31, 2013, so the contract would align with the new calendar benefit year.
 - The Plan's original two-year option to extend the contract following the initial term was exercised at the same time and the contract was amended to add another option to extend through 2016.
 - The contract was again amended to exercise the extension through 2016 and add an option for extension through 2017.
- The PBM RFP was issued since the original term of the contract and extension periods have expired and to help manage the Plan's overall procurement schedule.



Procurement Process

- The Plan issued the PBM RFP on October 1, 2015.
- Minimum responses were received October 23, 2015. Five potential bidders met minimum requirements and were notified on October 27, 2015.
- Bids were received on December 7, 2015, from the following:
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina with Prime Therapeutics
 - Caremark PCS Health, LLC (CVS)
 - Catamaran LLC, an Optum Rx Company
 - Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI)
 - Magellan Rx Management, Inc.



Procurement Process

- Technical proposals were evaluated by the evaluation committee between December 14, 2015, and January 28, 2016. ESI and CVS had the two highest technical scores.
- All proposals were reviewed to identify "programs of value" and scored accordingly for incorporation into the cost proposal.
- Technical proposals for ESI and CVS were then reviewed a second time using a supplemental document to identify important services and programs that may not have been reviewed during the initial scoring process.
- The Segal Company (Segal), the Plan's actuarial services vendor, assisted in the analysis and scoring of the cost proposal, but received "blinded" copies of the bidder's proposal.



Procurement Process

- Best and Final Offers (BAFO)
 - Issued to the two bidders with the highest overall scores, ESI and CVS, on February 24, 2016.
- Clarifications
 - Sent to bidders throughout the evaluation process as needed.
 - Additional clarifications were sent to ESI and CVS on February 26, 2016, following a detailed review of the responses by the pharmacy benefits team.
 - Responses were received on March 2, 2016. ESI did not agree to a contract requirement regarding the Plan's audit rights.
- Award Recommendation
 - The evaluation committee met on March 3, 2016, and March 4, 2016, to discuss making a recommendation to the Executive Administrator (EA).
 - The evaluation committee reached consensus and made a recommendation to the EA on March 7, 2016.
 - The EA's recommendation for award sent to the Board on March 8, 2016.



Scoring Overview

- The maximum total score possible was 1,000 points. The technical and cost scores were weighted at 50% each making the technical proposal and cost proposal worth a maximum of 500 points each.
- Scoring areas within the technical and cost proposals were weighted as follows:

Technical Scoring	Cost Scoring
Customer Service (10%)	Administrative Fee (10%)
Reporting (10%)	Network Fees (60%)
Implementation (10%)	Other Clinical Programs (30%)
Specialty (30%)	Clinical Fees
Technology (25%)	Programs of Value
Clinical (15%)	Programs with Savings



Cost Scoring Overview Administrative and Network Fees

- Bidders provided administrative and network pricing on four separate designs:
 - Broad Network / Open Formulary
 - Narrow Network / Open Formulary
 - Broad Network / Closed Formulary
 - Narrow Network / Closed Formulary
- Formulary Requirements:
 - Each bidder's closed formulary was evaluated as part of the technical proposal analysis
 to verify that adequate and reasonable clinical coverage is available.
 - A proposal not meeting the following criteria received a cost proposal score of 0 for the closed formulary categories.
 - Total member disruption of <10%
 - On average, acceptable member disruption levels within 8 critical therapeutic classes
- Network Requirements:
 - Each bidder's narrow network was evaluated as part of the technical proposal analysis to verify that adequate minimum member access is maintained.
 - Minimum required access is defined as 98% of members having access to at least one participating pharmacy within 1 mile for urban areas and 95% of members having access to at least one participating pharmacy within 15 miles for rural areas.
 - Proposal not meeting that criteria received a cost proposal score of 0 for the narrow network categories.



Cost Scoring Overview Other Clinical Programs

- Other Clinical Programs were split into three areas with a maximum of 50 points for each:
 - Clinical Fees: Analysis to determine the PMPM fees for clinical programs not included in the utilization management bundled fee.
 - ➤ Programs of Value: A review of programs offered by the PBM that may provide added value to the Plan. For example, programs that increase adherence, improve member outcomes and experience, and improve rebates or other financial opportunities.
 - ➤ Programs with Savings: Management programs with guaranteed or projected savings. A minimum of 3 bidder proposals had to include clinical programs beyond the required core programs that have either guaranteed or estimated savings indicated, otherwise no points would be awarded.



Best and Final Offer (BAFO)

- A BAFO was requested from ESI and CVS on February 24, 2016.
- The bidders were required to respond to the BAFO request by 8:30 a.m. on February 29, 2016.
- Responses were received and blinded versions sent to Segal.
- The cost analysis was updated by Segal to incorporate the pricing received in the BAFO.
- The BAFO resulted in additional potential savings that range from \$20 million to \$67 million.



Bidder Disqualification

- A comprehensive review of technical proposals for ESI and CVS was conducted by the Director of Pharmacy Benefits and the pharmacy team to identify responses that would need to be addressed prior to contract award.
- This resulted in clarifications being sent to ESI and CVS on February 26, 2016, regarding various areas of the RFP and the bidder's response.
- Responses were received on March 2, 2016.
- ESI did not agree to accept the Plan's audit findings as described in Section VI.3.7.8.a.ii of the RFP.
 - The Plan required that ESI accept the findings of the Plan's pharmacy audit vendor to measure certain performance guarantees. Although ESI confirmed, the description provided did not support a confirmation of the requirement. ESI conditioned acceptance of findings to those "mutually agreeable between [ESI] and the Plan"
- ESI's response was deemed unacceptable to the Plan, disqualifying it from further consideration and therefore precluding award of the contract to ESI.



Final Scores

Technical Proposal Scores:

Bidder	Clinical (150)	Specialty (300)	Customer Service (100)	Reporting (100)	Technology (250)	Implementation (100)	Total (1000)	Weighted Score (50%) (500)
ESI*	113.60	267.86	62.50	68.75	177.50	15.00	705.21	352.60
cvs	123.85	216.43	15.00	45.00	150.00	75.00	625.28	312.64
BCBSNC	82.55	122.14	45.00	10.00	105.00	25.00	389.69	194.85
Optum	98.60	92.14	62.50	57.50	63.75	15.00	389.49	194.75
Magellan	69.00	90.00	10.00	10.00	102.50	15.00	296.50	148.25

Cost Proposal Scores with BAFOs:

Bidder	Admin Fees (50)	Network/RX Fees (300)	Other Clinical Fees (50)	Programs of Value (50)	Programs with Savings (50)	Weighted Score (500)
ESI*				32.00	0	422.94
cvs				28.00	0	409.87
BCBSNC				23.00	0	340.31
Optum				15.00	0	179.84
Magellan				9.00	0	191.77

^{*}Bidder Disqualified



Summary of Final Scores

Bidder	Technical (500)	Cost (500)	Total (1000)
ESI*	352.60	422.94	775.54
cvs	312.64	409.87	722.51
BCBSNC	194.85	340.31	535.16
Optum	194.75	179.84	374.59
Magellan	148.25	191.77	340.02

*Bidder Disqualified



Potential Savings Over Three Years

Broad Network/Closed Formulary Overall Savings

ESI Bid: \$494.4 million

CVS Bid: \$521.1 million

 Both ESI and CVS offered total estimated savings from the current contract of 15%.

Segal's complete cost analysis is attached as Appendix 1.



New Contract

 The new contract will be effective upon award with services beginning January 1, 2017. The contract will expire December 31, 2019, but has two one-year extensions.



Recommendation

Plan staff recommends approval of a contract with CVS for Pharmacy Benefit Management Services.





State of North Carolina PBM RFP (BAFO)

Pharmacy Benefit Management Request For Proposals BAFO Financial Analysis

March 2, 2016

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Administrative Fee Summary

	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
PMPM Fees					
Administrative Fee PMPM					
3-Year Cost					
Broad / Open					
Narrow / Open					
Broad / Closed		NA		NA	
Narrow / Closed		NA		NA	
RFP Score					
Broad / Open					
Narrow / Open					
Broad / Closed		0.00		0.00	
Narrow / Closed		0.00		0.00	
Total Score					

Notes:

Projected cost numbers are in thousands.

Bidder 125 and 175 closed formulary options exceeded SHP disruption threshold.



Network / Rx Fee Summary

	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
3-Year Cost					
Broad / Open					
Narrow / Open					
Broad / Closed		NA		NA	
Narrow / Closed		NA		NA	
RFP Score					
Broad / Open					
Narrow / Open					
Broad / Closed		0.00		0.00	
Narrow / Closed		0.00		0.00	
Total Score					

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Notes:

Projected cost numbers are in thousands.

Bidder 125 and 175 closed formulary options exceeded SHP disruption threshold.

Clinical Fee Summary

Fees per Review	Bi	dder 10	100 Bidd		dder 125		Bidder 150 (BAFO)		Bidder 175		Bidder 200 (BAFO)		Expected # of Annual Reviews	
Prior Authorization Fee														33,333
Step Therapy Fee														33,333
Quantity Limits Fee														33,333

PMPM Fees	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Concurrent DUR					
Retrospective DUR					

3-Year Cost and Score	Bidder 100		Bidder 125		Bidder 150 (BAFO)		Bidder 175		Bidder 200 (BAFO)						
Total Cost															
Total Score															

Notes:

Prior Authorization, Step Therapy, and Quantity Limit Fees total cost was calculated by multiplying expected number of annual reviews (33,333) * number of contract years (3) * fee per review. The expected number of annual reviews was estimated based on the historical experience of the State.

Projected cost numbers are in thousands.

Cost Scoring Summary

			Max Points	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
1		Administrative Fees	50					
2		Network/Rx Fees	300					
3	Α	Other Clinical Fees	50					
3	В	Programs of Value	50	23.00	9.00	28.00	15.00	32.00
3	С	Programs with Savings	50	-	-	-	-	-
		TOTAL	500	340.31	191.77	409.87	179.84	422.94

Notes:

Scoring based on methodology and allocation as provided by SHP on 1/1/2016.

Programs of Value points provided by SHP on 2/8/2016.

Programs with Savings was not scored since the minimum threshold of three bids with guaranteed or estimated savings was not reached.

Three Year Financial Comparison – Broad Network, Open Formulary

Three Year Total	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Drug Cost Before Discounts	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236
Drug Cost Before Rebates and Administrative Fees						
Discount Savings from Current \$						
Discount Savings from Current %						
Formulary Rebates						
Net Drug Cost Before Fees						
Administrative Fees						
Clinical Fees						
Net Drug Cost	\$3,395,666	\$3,093,300	\$3,341,490	\$3,031,740	\$3,102,641	\$2,975,794
Total Savings from Current \$		\$302,366	\$54,176	\$363,926	\$293,024	\$419,872
Total Savings from Current %		9%	2%	11%	9%	12%

Notes:

Cost projections are based on claims experience from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, trended forward, assuming the guaranteed terms of each bidder's financial proposal. Drug Cost is not offset by member cost share. Numbers are in thousands. Due to the deferred nature of rebate payments, actual rebates under the current terms may be higher or lower than indicated which would affect estimated savings shown.

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Three Year Financial Comparison – Narrow Network, Open Formulary

Three Year Total	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Drug Cost Before Discounts	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236
Drug Cost Before Rebates and Administrative Fees						
Discount Savings from Current \$						
Discount Savings from Current %						
Formulary Rebates						
Net Drug Cost Before Fees						
Administrative Fees						
Clinical Fees						
Net Drug Cost	\$3,395,666	\$3,058,412	\$3,317,752	\$3,001,059	\$3,063,061	\$2,948,494
Total Savings from Current \$		\$337,254	\$77,914	\$394,607	\$332,605	\$447,172
Total Savings from Current %		10%	2%	12%	10%	13%

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Three Year Financial Comparison – Broad Network, Closed Formulary

Three Year Total	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Drug Cost Before Discounts	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236		\$6,814,236		\$6,814,236
Drug Cost Before Rebates and Administrative Fees						
Discount Savings from Current \$						
Discount Savings from Current %						
Formulary Rebates						
Net Drug Cost Before Fees						
Administrative Fees						
Clinical Fees						
Net Drug Cost	\$3,395,666	\$3,047,835		\$2,874,582		\$2,901,304
Total Savings from Current \$		\$347,831		\$521,083		\$494,362
Total Savings from Current %		10%		15%		15%

Notes:

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Three Year Financial Comparison – Narrow Network, Closed Formulary

Three Year Total	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Drug Cost Before Discounts	\$6,814,236	\$6,814,236		\$6,814,236		\$6,814,236
Drug Cost Before Rebates and Administrative Fees						
Discount Savings from Current \$						
Discount Savings from Current %						
Formulary Rebates						
Net Drug Cost Before Fees						
Administrative Fees						
Clinical Fees						
Net Drug Cost	\$3,395,666	\$3,012,947		\$2,843,901		\$2,865,846
Total Savings from Current \$		\$382,719		\$551,764		\$529,820
Total Savings from Current %		11%		16%		16%

Notes:

Cost projections are based on claims experience from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, trended forward, assuming the guaranteed terms of each bidder's financial proposal. Drug Cost is not offset by member cost share. Numbers are in thousands. Due to the deferred nature of rebate payments, actual rebates under the current terms may be higher or lower than indicated which would affect estimated savings shown.

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Year 1 Pricing Terms - Broad Network, Open Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Retail						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Retail Maintenance Network						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Mail Order						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						

Notes:

Current rebate terms are

Year 1 Pricing Terms - Narrow Network, Open Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Retail						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Retail Maintenance Network						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Mail Order						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						

Notes:

Current rebate terms are

Year 1 Pricing Terms - Broad Network, Closed Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Retail						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Retail Maintenance Network						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Mail Order						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						



Current rebate terms are

Year 1 Pricing Terms - Narrow Network, Closed Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Retail						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Retail Maintenance Network						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						
Mail Order						
Guaranteed Brand Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Generic Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Brand Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Generic Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee						

Notes:

Current rebate terms are

Year 1 Specialty Pricing Terms – Broad Network, Open Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Specialty - Commercial						
Guaranteed Mail Order Drug Discount from AWP						I I
Guaranteed Retail Drug Discount from AWP						 '
Dispensing Fee per Mail Order Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Retail Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Mail Order						1
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Retail						•

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Year 1 Specialty Pricing Terms – Narrow Network, Open Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Specialty - Commercial						
Guaranteed Mail Order Drug Discount from AWP						- I
Guaranteed Retail Drug Discount from AWP						 '
Dispensing Fee per Mail Order Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Retail Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Mail Order						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Retail						

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Year 1 Specialty Pricing Terms – Broad Network, Closed Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Specialty - Commercial						
Guaranteed Mail Order Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Retail Drug Discount from AWP						 '
Dispensing Fee per Mail Order Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Retail Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Mail Order						•
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Retail						

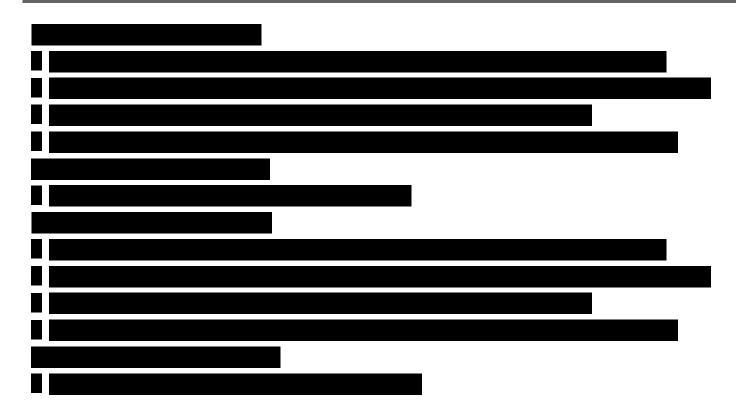
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Year 1 Specialty Pricing Terms – Narrow Network, Closed Formulary

	ESI - Current	Bidder 100	Bidder 125	Bidder 150 (BAFO)	Bidder 175	Bidder 200 (BAFO)
Specialty - Commercial						
Guaranteed Mail Order Drug Discount from AWP						
Guaranteed Retail Drug Discount from AWP						
Dispensing Fee per Mail Order Rx						
Dispensing Fee per Retail Rx						
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Mail Order						•
Minimum Per Rx Rebate Guarantee Retail						

Notes:	
Current rebate terms are	

Summary of BAFO Proposal Changes – Bidder 150



Summary of BAFO Proposal Changes – Bidder 200



Summary of BAFO Proposal Changes – Bidder 200 (continued)

