

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

Fully Insured and Self-Insured Medicare Part D Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) + Wrap

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1	Please confirm the number of copies requested for the Cost Proposal	One. Please provide an electronic copy of the cost proposal to the Deloitte RFP coordinators.
2	Can you please provide additional details on the compliance training that NDPERS would like provided to staff as referenced in Appendix B, question 7.8 (<i>Can you provide training to NDPERS staff on EGWP administration and compliance</i>)?	<p>Under a self-insured EGWP+Wrap program, NDPERS staff would like to receive training on the responsibilities of the plan administrator which include the requirements from the PBM for NDPERS so that all regulatory and operational requirements are met.</p> <p>NDPERS also needs to be proactively informed of any changes made by CMS or other regulatory agencies that would effect the NDPERS Part D program.</p>
3	Can you please confirm if NDPERS wants a traditional or pass-through pricing arrangement?	NDPERS will consider either traditional or pass-through pricing. Retirees pay 100% of the premium for the plan and so cost is an important consideration. For self-insured proposals, under a traditional or pass-through contract, NDPERS expects comprehensive visibility into the financial operations of the plan.
4	In regards to Appendix F, as Express Scripts is already performing these services for you, do you still need a description of the services we currently offer or does a "confirmed" suffice as a response?	"Confirmed" is sufficient as long as all services are included. If there are services that are not currently being performed or are different than the description, please provide an explanation to the variation.
5	Would you like us to complete the Network/Formulary Match workbooks, even though we're the incumbent and there is no disruption?	Yes, please complete the match exhibits for your proposed formulary and network.

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6	In regards to the unbound original hard copy of the RFP response, is it acceptable to place the documents in a three-ring binder where pages can be removed?	Yes
7	Can you provide more detail around the pro-rated member cost share when less than one month's supply is needed and which drugs that applies to as referenced below?: <i>"If the member fills a prescription for a one-month (31-day) supply at a retail network pharmacy, they will pay the same copayment amount that a member would for a three-month supply. If the member's doctor prescribes less than a full month's supply of certain drugs, the member will pay a daily cost-sharing rate based on the actual number of days of the drug that they receive."</i>	<p>This plan provision is not limited to specific drugs.</p> <p>If a member fills a prescription for less than a 1-month supply (e.g. if they are trying a new medication that's known to have significant side effects or if they want to get the refills for all their drugs on the same refill schedule), the cost share prorated based on the number of days prescribed.</p>
8	Does this group currently have any enhancement buy-ups such as: coverage for Cosmetics, Coughs & Colds, Fertility Agents, Vitamins, Weigh Loss Agents, and Erectile Dysfunction.	<p>NDPERS current rules include:</p> <p>Anti-obesity: excluded from coverage Fertility: excluded from coverage Cosmetic: excluded from coverage Vitamins: excluded from coverage Part B OTC Diabetic Supplies: excluded from coverage</p> <p>Erectile Dysfunction: Covered Cough or Cold: Coverage based on NDC</p>
9	Current design appears to be a 3 Tier formulary. Does the group currently have a specialty pharmacy tier/benefit and what is it?	The current design is a 3-Tier plan, there is not a separate specialty tier

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10	If not, is specialty carved out and to whom? Or is everything specialty lumped into tier 3?	The specialty is not carved out
11	Does Express Scripts provide specialty pharmacy services?	Yes
12	Are there any Onshore/offshore requirements specific to Rx including PBM and PBM related call center activities?	There is not a minimum requirement (Appendix A) related to onshore activities. Services provided domestically are preferred.
13	Exhibit 4 (UM) – is the Group looking for us to mimic current plan UM edits on the listed medications?	There is not a minimum requirement to duplicate the current utilization management edits, however the preference is to minimize member disruption and also maintain clinically appropriate utilization management to ensure safety, minimize waste, and control cost (while complying with CMS requirements).
14	Please confirm if NDPERS is agreeable to implementing an EGWP formulary with exclusions.	Confirmed
15	Please confirm if there are any specific drug classes that NDPERS does not cover on the OHI/Wrap. Examples include: cough & cold products, diabetic testing supplies, lifestyle drugs, etc.	Please refer to question 8

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16	<p>Section V (Confidentiality) of the RFP (page 14) states that “NDPERS will not consider the bid cost information submitted by the Responder to be confidential under any circumstances.”</p> <p>Bidder understands that aggregate amounts paid to a State vendor must be reviewable by the public. Additionally, Bidder understands that certain fees or charges that will be included in its proposal do not meet the requirements for exclusion from a public records request because they do not meet the requirements of NDCC § 44-04-18.4(1). However, Bidder’s proposal will contain certain minimum guarantees of financial performance, which will be specifically calculated based on the particular details of this RFP and that meet the definition of a trade secret under NDCC § 44-04-18.4(2)(d) and have not previously been publicly disclosed as required under NDCC § 44-04-18.4(1). If these minimum financial guarantees were to be publicly disclosed, Bidder would suffer a material competitive disadvantage in the marketplace. Therefore, please confirm that bidders will not be disqualified if they identify as trade secret, certain minimum financial guarantees in their proposals, which</p>	Confirmed

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17	<p>Section III (Objective of RFP) of the RFP (page 8) invites bidders to redline the model contract contained at Appendix E, but states that “firms offering this contract may be eligible for the preference provided in this section.”</p> <p>The “preference” noted appears to relate to the statement in NDCC § 54-52.1-04.15 requiring the board to give preference to an offer that contains the specific provisions set forth in that statute. Certain provisions in Appendix E appear to conflict with other provisions of the RFP. (For example, the definitions of “Brand Drug”, “Generic Drug”, and “Usual and Customary” contained in Appendix E are different from the definitions of those terms contained in the Pricing Questionnaire Tab in Appendix C.)</p> <p>Accordingly, please confirm that a bidder’s proposed redlines to Appendix E will not impact consideration given to the bidder for the preference referenced in Section III, page 8, provided the bidder’s redlined contract document continues to contain the provisions listed in Section 54-52.1-04.15.</p>	Confirmed