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Addendum No. 1

Pharmaceutical Supply Services (Annual Contract) RFB No. 22-0011

Acknowledgment of receipt of Addenda must be included with sealed bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this addendum may render your bid "incomplete".

Initials: _____ **Company:** _____

Vendors are informed that the above subject Bid is hereby modified, corrected, or supplemented as specified, described and set forth in this Addendum:

1. Question: "What is the process for substituting medications due to national shortage/backorder? Who is the point of contact when this occurs?"

Answer: During unexpected drug shortages, the awarded vendor may substitute any drug on the established list of drugs with the same drug, same strength or concentration, and different volume. The Division Chief of EMS and CFEMS Medical Director will be notified to provide approval and direction to the EMS crews until the shortage ceases. The point of contacts are Division Chief Jules Hazen and Dr. Eric Ragan.

2. Question: "What is the expectation or process for a product that is not available due to national shortage?"

Answer: Prompt notification to the point of contacts listed in Question 1. Frequent communication between the vendor and Division Chief EMS as to if a shortage is expected to happen, any information as to how long it is projected to last and when the medication is back available. This is to adjust treatment protocols as needed due to the shortage.

3. Question: "Expiration dates on medication should be 12 months from the date of purchase, however, the hospital does not have an avenue to request or control expiration dates on products received from the wholesaler. If the wholesaler only has product with an expiration date of less than 12 months should that product be considered unavailable?"

Answer: EMS will allow a medication with an expiration date with less than 12 months if the vendor can not obtain the product with an expire of 12 months or greater from their wholesalers. It is better to have the medication available to be used than consider if not available.

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