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GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GROUP: 10200 - Pharmaceuticals,
MN Multistate Contract Alliance for Pharmacy
Influenza Vaccine

PLEASE ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO:

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SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine - 2003-2004 Season

TO ALL STATE AGENCIES AND OTHERS AUTHORIZED TO USE STATE CONTRACTS:

Our MN Multistate Contract Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) has announced the awarding of their contract for Influenza Vaccine for the 2003-2004 Flu Season.

Our former contractor, Wyeth no longer manufactures Flu Vaccine. Prices shown on our previous contract reflected three (3) year old prices and were held firm through the 2002-2003 flu season. Only two (2) companies continue to manufacture influenza vaccine, Evans Vaccines and Aventis Pasteur. Prices for the current MMCAP contract reflect MMCAP's RFP for influenza vaccine for the 2003 - 2004 flu season. ASD Healthcare (a Division of AmerisourceBergen) submitted the lowest bid against MMCAP's bid opening of January 13, 2003.

We are processing ASD's contract with MMCAP for assignment of a NYS State Contract Number. We anticipate issuing a contract award notification advising facilities accordingly. Should you have any questions concerning NY State's pharmaceutical and vaccine contracts, our participation in MMCAP contracts and ordering of Influenza and other vaccines, please feel free to call this office at 518/474-6705, fax to 518/474-1563 or e-mail james.gelston@ogs.state.ny.us.

Information from MMCAP per their Member Letter dated January 29, 2003 follows on page 2.

Influenza Vaccine Ordering -- 2003-2004 Season

Dear Member Facility:

MMCAP has entered in to a contract with ASD Healthcare (a division of AmerisourceBergen) to supply Fluvirin® manufactured by Evans Vaccines.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Fluvirin® is not approved for use in children 6 months to 4 years of age! You must obtain an alternate product.

ORDERING: Begins February 10, 2003, and ends when the number of vials allotted to MMCAP are booked (300,000 vials) or September 30, 2003, whichever is earlier. Call 1-866-281-4FLU (4358), Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Central Time or fax ASD's pre-book order form (available on www.mmcap.org in "Flu News") to 1-800-547-9413. Be sure to place orders in terms of the number of 10-dose vials required, not in terms of the number of doses. Additionally, is recommended that you make a notation of the first and last name of the person with whom you placed the order, also note the time and date.

Facilities will be required to complete a business application if an existing account is not set up or has been inactive for greater than one year.

Orders may be modified until September 1, 2003.

PRICE: 10-Dose Vial \$67.70
Pre-filled Syringes \$87.55
(Box of 10 Syringes)
(all syringes are thimerosal free)

DELIVERY: 25 percent of each facilities' order will be Shipped by October 7, 2003. The remainder of the order will be shipped by November 7, 2003. All vaccine is non-returnable after it has been shipped and received by the ordering facility.

CHILDREN'S VACCINE SOURCE: MMCAP does not have a contract with Aventis but it does manufacture a vaccine approved for use in children 6 months and older. The prices will be \$85/10-dose vial, \$113.70/10 pack syringes, and \$120.00/10 pack syringes for preservative free pediatric. Orders will be taken via the Internet beginning March 3 to March 9 at www.vaccinshoppe.com and from March 10 to May 15 using either the Internet address, 1-800-vaccine (1-800-822-2463), or by fax orders to 1-800-561-1216.

FLU UPDATES: For the latest information on this year's ordering, delivery, or other issues visit our web page, www.mmcap.org click on "MMCAP Information" then on "Member News."