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Ohio Medicaid receives six responses to RFP for single pharmacy benefit manager

Single system to increase transparency, financial accountability in Ohio's Medicaid pharmacy program

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) [request for proposals](#) (RFP) for a single pharmacy benefit manager (SPBM) closed Friday, Sept. 11. The agency is no longer accepting bids for this procurement.

In 2019, the Ohio General Assembly mandated, and Governor DeWine signed into law, the selection of an SPBM in the state's fiscal year 2020-2021 biennial budget. Medicaid's pharmacy benefits strategy will ease provider administrative burdens, reduce operational costs, and strengthen the state's fiscal oversight of this vital health care benefit. The following statement is attributed to Maureen Corcoran, director of ODM.

"The Ohio Department of Medicaid is pleased with the number of responses to the RFP for a single pharmacy benefit manager. Change Healthcare, DXC Technology, Express Scripts, MagellanRx Management, Navitus Health Solutions, and RxAdvance each submitted responses. ODM now will use the review process to select the best candidate for those we serve and the Ohio taxpayer. These reforms are on pace to be implemented on schedule."

ODM is in the quiet period of the procurement process and, to ensure a fair and uncompromised process, will not be releasing additional information about the responses to the RFP [announced](#) July 24.

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