

June 5, 2009

Correction to Amendment #2:

Posting of the Final Questionnaire will be revised:

From: Friday Thursday, June 11, 2009

To: Friday Thursday, June 18, 2009

June 4, 2009

**Amendment #2 to
Notice Relating to the New Procurement of Home Oxygen Services
Home Oxygen Pricing Review Update**

is issued to reflect the following revised deadline extension to the submission of the Vendor Feedback Form:

From: Friday, June 5, 2009

To: Friday, June 12, 2009

As a result, the posting of the Final Questionnaire will be revised:

From: Friday, June 11, 2009

To: Friday, June 18, 2009

Consultation sessions are now expected to be conducted the week of July 20th, 2009.

All other information remains unchanged, including the deadline for submission of responses to the Home Oxygen Final Questionnaire (which was extended to July 9, 2009, in Amendment #1).

June 3, 2009

**Amendment #1 to
Notice Relating to the New Procurement of Home Oxygen Services
Home Oxygen Pricing Review Update**

is issued to reflect the following deadline extension to the submission of responses to the Home Oxygen final questionnaire:

From: Thursday, June 25, 2009

To: Thursday, July 9, 2009

All other information remains unchanged.

May 26, 2009

**Notice Relating to the New Procurement of Home Oxygen Services
Home Oxygen Pricing Review Update**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is undertaking a review of the pricing of Home Oxygen services in Ontario. To ensure a collaborative approach, we will be seeking input from interested parties on the content of a questionnaire that will be distributed to vendors in early June.

The Ministry has retained PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) to conduct the Home Oxygen services Pricing Review. As part of the review, PwC is developing a questionnaire on Home Oxygen pricing. The questionnaire will include questions related to key cost drivers, impact on costs of various approaches to pricing related to service intensity and location, etc. The on-line questionnaire will be administered completely by PwC. Individual responses will be received by PwC; the analysis of the responses will be shared with the Ministry at an aggregate level. Vendor identifying information will not be reported.

It is critically important for all vendors to complete the questionnaire in order to ensure that input from a variety of organizations is taken into account before fair pricing for home oxygen services is determined.

The purpose of circulating the draft questionnaire is twofold:

1. to provide vendors an opportunity to give input into the information to be collected and;
2. to inform the vendors of the scope of the information currently being considered so they can begin to prepare the necessary information in anticipation of completing and submitting the final version of the questionnaire.

The following are the next steps:

1. Posting of the draft questionnaire and feedback form - May 29/09; Vendors feedback to PwC by end of day June 5/09

A link to a draft questionnaire will be posted on MERX and the ADP site, on May 29, 2009. The draft questionnaire will be in a PDF format, i.e., vendors will be able to print it but not modify or complete it. Vendors will be asked to review the questionnaire and provide any feedback, comments, or suggested additional relevant questions for consideration. Interested parties are invited to submit them to PwC, by end of day June 5, 2009, for consideration. Your submission should be emailed to Natalia Lobach, at Natalia.E.Lobach@ca.pwc.com.

As it is expected that the draft questionnaire will include most of the questions which will be part of the final questionnaire, vendors are asked to take the opportunity and begin preparing their responses and the financial and other information that will be required in order to complete the final questionnaire. The questionnaire will include numerous detailed questions with respect to detailed cost components and factors impacting the costs involved in the provision of Home Oxygen Services. It is advisable that interested parties start to prepare material and financial data as early as possible.

2. Posting of the final questionnaire – June 11/09; Vendors submit their responses by June 25/09

A link to the final questionnaire will be posted on MERX and the ADP site, on June 11, 2009. The final on-line questionnaire will allow vendors to answer questions and complete the survey on-line. The Vovici on-line survey instrument will be managed and monitored by PwC. Contact information of PwC staff will be provided along with the questionnaire for any questions or assistance required while completing the questionnaire.

Vendors are strongly encouraged to plan to dedicate sufficient time to complete the questionnaire.

3. Consultation sessions – starting in early July/09

Following the completion and analysis of the questionnaires, the Ministry will conduct consultation sessions which will include the presentation of the validation of some of the preliminary results from the questionnaire and additional follow-up questions. Dates for the consultation sessions will be posted soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Beynon, at: (416) 327-8150; 1-800-268-6021 (Toll-free in Ontario only); TTY: 1-800-387-5559, or send an email to: chris.beynon@ontario.ca.