

MED57: Pharmaceutical GPO

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Contract #:	MED57
MMARS MA #:	MED570000000000
Initial Contract Term:	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2029
Maximum End Date:	One (1), 4-year extension to 2033
Current Contract Term:	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2029
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UNSPSC Codes:	51-21-00 Miscellaneous drug categories
Updates:	OSD Contract Manager

*The asterisk is required when referencing the contract in the Massachusetts Management Accounting Reporting System (MMARS).

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Contract Summary

This is a Statewide Contract for a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) agreement for Pharmaceuticals with Contractor Managed Healthcare Associates (MHA), whose GPO membership includes over 9,000 healthcare facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes.

Benefits and Cost Savings

Statewide contracts are an easy way to obtain benefits for your organization by leveraging the Commonwealth's buying power, solicitation process, contracting expertise, vendor management and oversight.

GPO savings and efficiencies are realized by aggregating purchasing volume and using that leverage to negotiate discounts with manufacturers, distributors, and other vendors of health supplies such as pharmaceuticals, biologics, medical/surgical equipment, laboratory supplies, and capital equipment. GPOs actively negotiate contracts with manufacturers on behalf of their members, and/or provide their members access to the purchasing contracts of other GPO's. The GPO supports the Commonwealth by using their contracts to establish the acquisition prices for pharmaceuticals purchased from the Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor on SWC MED56 Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor and successor contracts for Pharmaceuticals.

Find Bid/Contract Documents

To link directly to the MBPO for MED57 visit Master Blanket Purchase Order [PO-23-1080-OSD03-SRC3-29674](#).

Who Can Use This Contract

Applicable Procurement Law

Executive Branch Goods and Services: MGL c. 7, § 22; c. 30, § 51, § 52; 801 CMR 21.00;

Eligible Entities

Please see the standard list of Eligible Entities on our [Who Can Use Statewide Contracts](#) webpage. If you are not a Massachusetts-based buyer, please contact the contract manager listed on the first page of this guide. We want to make sure you are getting the correct user information for your state.

Subcontractors

The awarded vendor's use of subcontractors is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth's Terms and Conditions and Standard Contract Form, as well as other applicable terms of this Statewide Contract.

Pricing, Quote and Purchase Options

Purchase Options

No direct purchases are made from the GPO for Pharmaceuticals. The GPO will direct Buyers to vendors that can provide the needed products or services. The GPO will provide the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) that are available from the State Office for Pharmacy Services. As a Medicare Part D provider, there may be a small processing fee for this service.

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Pricing Options

There are no Pricing Options.

Product/Service Pricing and Finding Vendor Price Files

Since no purchases are made from or direct payments made to the GPO, there are no vendor price files.

Setting Up a COMMBUYS Account

COMMBUYS is the Commonwealth's electronic Market Center supporting online commerce between government purchasers and businesses. If you do not have one already, contact the COMMBUYS Help Desk to set up a COMMBUYS buyer account for your organization: (888)-627-8283 or COMMBUYS@state.ma.us.

Per 801 CMR 21.00, Executive Branch Departments must use established statewide contracts for the purchase of commodities and services. Specifically, Executive Departments are required to use OSD's statewide contracts, including designated statewide contracts, if available, for their specific commodity and service needs. Exceptions will only be permitted with prior written approval from the Assistant Secretary for Operational Services, or designee.

When contacting a vendor on statewide contract, always reference MED57 to receive contract pricing.

Quick Search in COMMBUYS

Log into COMMBUYS and use the Search box on the COMMBUYS header bar to locate items described on the MBPO or within the vendor catalog line items. Select Contract/Blanket or Catalog from the drop-down menu.

How To Purchase From The Contract

No purchases are made from, or direct payments made to the GPO.

Instructions for MMARS Users

MMARS users must reference the Master Agreement (MA) number in the proper field in MMARS when placing orders with any contractor. No purchases are made from, or direct payments made to, the GPO.

Shipping/Delivery/Returns

No purchases are made from, or direct payments made to, the GPO.

Additional Information/FAQs

Geographical Service Area

The Contractor will be able to provide the requested service(s) throughout the Commonwealth.

Strategic Sourcing Team Members

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Vendor List and Information*

Vendor	Master Blanket Purchase Order #	Contact Person	Phone #	Email
Managed Health Care Associates	PO-23-1080-OSD03-SRC3-29674	Alec Weems	(804) 433-4075	AWeems@mhainc.com

*Note that COMMBUYS is the official system of record for vendor contact information.

** The Master MBPO is the central repository for all common contract files. Price files may be found in the individual vendor's MBPO.

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