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Bid No: RFP 2019919 Name of Bid: Stop Loss Insurance Post Date: 4/22/19 Notice Post Time: 9:00 AM

## **Q&A No.1**

- 1. Our Stop Loss UW team is requesting the census in excel format. It is possible to receive it in excel format? Please advise. Yes, this has been posted separately.
- 2. Could you confirm if the rates in the insurance carrier's response and their stop-loss proposals need to be final and guaranteed for 1-1-2020 when submitted this May 6th, 2019? We are asking for final rates. The District reserves the right to negotiate the final rates once 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter claims' have been received.
- 3. Can the stop-loss rates provided in the response to this RFP be illustrative only, with future paid claims experience needed when available in the 4th guarter of 2019? We are asking for final rates. The District reserves the right to negotiate the final rates once 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter claims' have been received.
- 4. Could you confirm that the consultant being utilized by MCSD for this RFP for stop-loss will be helping the committee in the decision process and will help in the selection of the most favorable stop-loss response? Yes, please see Section III on page 7 of original bid document for more details.
- 5. Could you confirm whether this consultant being used for the stop-loss was also the same consultant used in the 2015 stop-loss RFP, when MCSD last went out to market? Gallagher was not used for the last stop-loss RFP.
- 6. Could you confirm whether this consultant being used for the 2019 RFP for stop-loss was previously the agent of record for the 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 stop-loss with Symetra? Gallagher was the consultant for this period.

- 7. Is the consultant being used for this 2019 RFP also requesting stop-loss proposals from the stop-loss carriers and TPA's (health plan administrators)? The Medical carriers have the option to propose their own stop-loss. The District's overall goal is to find the best financial arrangements for the benefit program.
- 8. Is the consultant working only as an advisor/consultant for MCSD for the flat fee of \$1.75 pepm and will they be appointed as the broker of record as well for the stop-loss in 2020 even if the selected/winning stop-loss proposal is from a stop-loss carrier who is working directly with a different broker? Yes. Although MCSD is not seeking brokerage services at this time, MCSD would consider proposals from carriers that are working directly with an independent broker.
- 9. Would MCSD want full transparency to be provided on all forms of compensation which will be paid by the selected stop-loss carrier for 2020, including commissions, fees, bonuses, etc., prior to the final decision and selection of the 2020 stop-loss carrier? Full transparency is required. Any commissions, fees and/or incentives paid to any outside party must be disclosed.