

Question and Answer #1

1. How many individuals do you anticipate participating in the program provided at any given time?

This number of individuals participating in the program varies. In six month period, there was a range of approximately 25-35 individuals receiving medications in a month.

2. Is there a specific housing facility(s) such a as a half-way house that the individuals reside at or is each individual in their own home?

There are seven CRFs in Edmonton that provide housing to anyone with a residency condition imposed by the National Parole Board or are on day parole. CSC- Website - <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/facilities-and-security/001-0005-eng.shtml>

3. What is the expected length of stay in the program?

This varies widely depending on the conditions imposed by the National Parole Board, current social conditions and eligibility criteria. Both short (e.g. 2 weeks or less) and long-term provision of services is expected.

4. Will each individual have an assigned physician? Care staff?

Offenders are free to choose their physician. There are psychiatric clinics that are coordinated through the parole office and one CRF that offenders may choose to visit.

5. Do the offenders drop off their prescription at our pharmacy location or are they faxed to the pharmacy from either a home or physician office?

Prescriptions are generally faxed to the pharmacy from the Parole Office or the Community Residential Facilities. Offenders generally do not drop off the prescriptions directly.

6. Will each offender be responsible for their own medication storage and administration or is there a process developed for storage and the individual will receive medication from a member of their health care team at each dose time?

This varies by CRF and the type of medication. Certain medications are required to be locked and some locations lock all medications. For the medications that are locked, offenders are given access to the medication and they are responsible for their medication administration.

7. It is stated that the contract period is up to a maximum for \$600,000 (\$200,000/per year) does this include the cost of drug and fee's or just the fee's applied?

This includes both the cost of the drug and fees.

8. For the 5 drugs listed that are to be used to determine lowest overall costs, is the pricing for the acquisition cost or the cost plus the fee, and please confirm we are to price for 1 tablet.

This pricing should include the full cost of the drug excluding the dispensing fee. It is confirmed that this is to be priced per tablet.

9. Can you provide the number of offenders that would be serviced under this contract, and a breakdown by residence/house?

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10. How are prescriptions currently sent to the pharmacy; faxed from the residence/house (with originals picked up on delivery), faxed from the prescriber's office, or a combination of both?

Prescriptions are generally faxed to the pharmacy from the Parole Office or the Community Residential Facilities.

11. Do the offenders self-administer their medications, or do staff hold medications until medication administration time? If a mixture of both, can you provide a breakdown by residence/house?

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12. Are there currently any requirements for "on-site" pharmacist time; i.e. staff training?

To date, there has been no requirement for "on-site" pharmacist time. This is not anticipated to be a requirement.

13. On average how many released individuals from corrections would pharmacy services be required for.

The number of individuals requiring pharmacy services varies. In six month period, there was a range of approximately 25-35 individuals receiving medications in a month.

14. In general terms would the individuals be in a group setting, or individual homes/apartment settings. For clarity: A transitional house setting with multiple individuals living together vs one person in their own apartment

The individuals would generally be in CRFs which are generally apartment type settings. However, there is variation among the different locations.

15. Are you able to provide some guidance around the specific geographic boundaries that the pharmacy services would be provided within?

There are seven CRFs in Edmonton that provides housing to anyone with a residency condition imposed by the National Parole Board or are on day parole. The locations are identified on the CSC- Website - <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/facilities-and-security/001-0005-eng.shtml>

16. Please confirm if you are requesting pricing on San Pantoprazole Sodium or Magnesium?

San Pantoprazole Sodium

17. Please provide general location(s) within and around the city where the majority of offenders would be living and/or where deliveries will be needed. Is a single pharmacy service location preferable?

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18. Please describe the current methadone process in detail, including:
- a. Methadone deliveries
 - b. Methadone witnessing
 - c. Acquisition of methadone prescriptions

Methadone will not be required as offenders are required to have methadone administered DOT and is associated with the prescribing clinic.

19. Is there a regulated health professional (e.g. RN, LPN) to receive medication deliveries?

In general, the medication deliveries will not be received by a health care professional.

20. Re: Annex B, Proposed Basis of Payment – What is the average # of prescriptions from the CSC offender program monthly and/or yearly? Is the \$200,000 per year includes all costs, including drug costs, mark ups and dispensing fees?

In a six month period, there was an approximate range of 25-35 individuals receiving medications in a month. This includes all costs of the drug, markups and dispensing fees.