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Question submitted by Medpharm 6/26/18

Question 1:

Drug products that are marketed in the United States typically have an expiration date of 12 to 36 months, sometimes less. This is because of, for instance, the difference in the manufacturing procedure, formulation, active ingredients, container and closure, and etc. Products that we usually bid are of the lowest price available from supplier but, keeping the same price over the months and with the required longer shelf life has always been a challenge to us.

We are obligated to source for the nearest item once a particular NDC or Lot no. goes on back order and as a result, we normally get about less than 24 months dating. We can also opt on waiting for the next manufacturers production schedule which takes about 6 months to a year with no guaranty if we can still benefit from the old price.

Request for your consideration on accepting a minimum of 18 months dating for some pharmaceutical items.

Response: See attached (Amendment #11)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claudia S. ACFALLE', with the date '8/15/18' written to the right.

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CLAUDIA S. ACFALLE
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