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MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Commission
Jim Clark
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FROM: Mike Michael

DATE: February 12, 2014

SUBJECT: **Approval of Transparency Tools for Health Care Purchasing Decisions**

The Transparency Tool is a service provided for State of Kansas benefits eligible employees and their dependents at no charge. The Transparency Tool will help members make decisions about their health care, so that they can find lower-cost, high-quality providers with attributes that are important to them. The vendor needs to offer a comprehensive program to drive member engagement. The tool needs to be highly configurable and easily integrated with the health plan vendors to provide a user-friendly platform.

Request for Proposal EVT0002662 for a Transparency Health Care Purchasing Decision Tool was released on September 17, 2013, and closed October 21, 2013. After careful review of the vendor responses, three (3) vendors were invited to further negotiation meetings. Following the meetings, the vendors were asked to provide additional information to clarify their bids, and their best and final pricing.

In addition to pricing, other issues of specific focus were the services offered to employees and their families, the vendor's ability to provide services on a statewide basis, the functionality of the decision making tool and the vendor's ability to provide quality customer service.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that a three (3) year contract for Transparency Tools be awarded to Castlight and Rx Savings Solutions.