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PURCHASING MEMORANDUM

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GROUPS/ 10200 – Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor, **AWARDS:** Award 22000

> 10201 – Pharmaceuticals (Individual Prescriptions), Award 21755

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SUBJECT: LEGISLATION TO COMBAT HEROIN, OPIOID AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE EPIDEMIC

TO ALL STATE AGENCIES AND OTHERS AUTHORIZED TO USE STATE CONTRACTS:

Changes to New York State Public Health Law § 3309 are described in a press release issued by the Governor's Office on June 23, 2014: <u>http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/06-23-2014-combat-drug-abuse</u>

The New York State Department of Health has posted information about opioid overdose prevention at their website: <u>https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/prevention/opioidprevention/</u>

We remind all New York State Agencies and authorized users of New York State centralized contracts that OGS maintains the awards referenced above in order to secure competitive pricing for prescription drugs. Please review the legislation and the referenced contracts as you take steps to meet your organization's needs. The updates to Public Health Law do not relieve you of the need to follow State Finance Law and your organization's procurement policies.

If you have questions please contact one of the Contract Management Specialists listed above.

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