

From: Lyle, Tara L <tara.l.lyle@wv.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 27, 2022 at 3:00 PM
Subject: Re: Emergency purchase request
To: Alexander, Peggy L <peggy.l.alexander@wv.gov>
Cc: Sherri Reed <sherri.a.reed@wv.gov>

Peggy,

Your emergency request to purchase one (1) therapy mattress and controller is approved. This approval is not authorization to purchase any particular brand, make or model equipment. Please follow all emergency purchase procedures outlined in the Purchasing Division Procedures Handbook. Please forward all supporting Documentation to this office for processing within 30days of this approval.

Thanks,
Tara

On Thu, Jan 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM Alexander, Peggy L <peggy.l.alexander@wv.gov> wrote:
Attached is an emergency request for the purchase of a wound therapy mattress and control unit. Please advise as soon as possible.

Thank you!

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J. Whittaker
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January 27, 2022

Frank Whittaker, Assistant Director
WV Purchasing Division
1019 Washington Street E.
Capitol Complex Building 15
Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Emergency Request for Joerns Dolphin Fluid Immersion Simulation System

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

The WV Veteran's Nursing Facility is requesting approval of an emergency purchase of a Joerns Dolphin FIS therapy mattress and controller for a resident. This particular resident is battling a wound and has been prescribed this system by his physician as one of the most crucial aspects of the healing process.

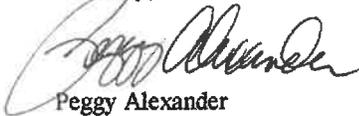
We have been quoted \$16,074.77 by the vendor. Joerns is the manufacturer and direct supplier of this equipment. There are other prices available online that are much higher.

As a skilled nursing facility, it is our duty to respond immediately to physician's orders for care of the residents. The mission of the WV Veterans Nursing Facility is to provide quality healthcare to West Virginia's Veterans. In this case, quality care means immediate care. As such, we are requesting approval to forego the bidding process to provide this equipment for the resident.

Were we to delay provisioning this equipment, even by a week, it could leave us liable to lawsuits and/or penalty from state and federal health and nursing home auditors, which could end up costing much more than the price of the equipment. We have a duty to provide for the health and well-being of our residents, Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. These services are promised as part of the mission of our facility.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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