**Module 4 - Case**

**POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION (PODS) AND THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE**

**Case Assignment**

After reviewing the background materials on Points of Dispensing (PODs) and the Strategic National Stockpile, identify two individual state plans or field operation guides for mass prophylaxis via PODs (you may use the Oregon guide in your readings as one of your plans). For your paper, compare these two plans. How are they similar? How are they different?

After doing so, read “Discussions and Limitations” and “Conclusions” from Potter, et al., “Preparedness for pandemics: Does variation among states affect the nation as a whole?” Using your two state examples, make a case for or against having a national standard for PODs implementation. This should not be opinion, but should be supported by your research on the topic.

**Assignment Expectations**

**Length**: This Case Assignment should be 4- 6 pages, not counting the title page and references.

**References:** At least two references should be included from academic sources (e.g., peer-reviewed journal articles). Required readings are included. Quoted material should not exceed 10% of the total paper (since the focus of these assignments is critical thinking). Use your own words and build on the ideas of others. When material is copied verbatim from external sources, it MUST be enclosed in quotes. The references should be cited within the text and listed at the end of the assignment in the References section (preferably in APA format).

**Organization:** Subheadings should be used to organize your paper according to question.

**Grammar and Spelling:** While no points are deducted for minor errors, assignments are expected to adhere to standard guidelines of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence syntax. Points may be deducted if grammar and spelling impact clarity.