FY24 Solicitation

Questions and Answers

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Questions period closed July 21, by 10:00 a.m. MDT

Question Period is closed

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Q: I have a physical site in the catchment area. Can I submit a bid without an official business license as it is pending approval from the city?

A: You must have a location with applicable business licenses within the catchment area in order to receive the award.

A physical location would be required in each catchment area. The contract requires "Offeror's (and any proposed subcontractor) site(s) at which services shall be provided must be located in catchment area."

Any offers submitted that do not have an office in the catchment area for us to visit will be deemed to be technically unacceptable and will receive no further consideration.

Any offers that propose locating a site IF awarded the services would NOT be considered.

Offerors may submit bids for multiple locations and services IF they can meet all the requirements of the solicitation.

Q: The BPA's refer to telehealth services but only in the case it is beneficial to the Judiciary, is there a specific criterion to meet?

A: The District of Utah will use telehealth services in very limited cases. Each case must have prior approval. Examples would be home bound due to medical reasons or living long distances from the office. i.e., 100 miles. The contracting officer will have to approve any client prior to services, and less than a handful will be approved across the State of Utah. The only exception to this general rule would be in the case of an increase in community lockdowns by the State Health Department.

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Q: Can an intern under clinical supervision provide treatment to the proposed clients?

A: Mental Health Intake Assessment and Report (5011)- performed by a masters or doctoral level clinician who is licensed or certified and meets the standards of practice established by his/her state regulatory board. The assessment could also be conducted by a non-licensed masters level clinician under the supervision of a licensed professional in accordance with state licensing standards.

Mental Health Counseling is a clinical interaction between a defendant/person under supervision and a masters or doctoral level practitioner who is licensed by his/her state's regulatory board. These services <u>could also be conducted by a provisionally licensed masters or doctoral level clinician</u> under the supervision of a licensed professional, in accordance with state licensing standards.

Substance Use Intake Assessment Report (2011) *This is comprehensive biopsychosocial intake assessment and report which shall be conducted by a clinician who meets the standards of practice established by his/her state's regulatory board.*

Substance Use Counseling is a clinical interaction between defendant/person under supervision and a trained and certified/credentialed counselor.

Q: Can a provider also perform case management services to the same client or is a designated case manager required?

A: Section C (Case Management) The vendor shall ensure that: Case Managers meet the standards of practice established by his/her state's professional regulatory board (where applicable) and meet the minimum qualifications (must have 1 or 2 and 3): (1) Bachelor's degree in a behavioral health field (psychology, social work, counseling, etc.) and one year experience in behavioral health field or appropriate internship; or (2) High School Diploma or GED and five (5) years' experience in behavioral health setting.

A provider may perform case management services and it does not need to be a different or designated case manager. The billing rate would need to match the codes in 6000 or 2000.

Q: For the manualized groups, must the facilitator be trained and certified at the time the bids are awarded or is there an acceptable period provided once the bid is approved?

A: The District of Utah has identified a Local need for manualized classes under (2022) and has selected MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy). *Section C reflects: (1) The trained*

facilitator has successfully completed training for the specific manualized CBT program being utilized. The completion of such training shall be documented. A trained facilitator shall not be required to have clinical oversight. The District of Utah expects to refer clients or transition clients to into these classes on October 1, 2023. There is not acceptable period to become certified after the award.

Q: What is a competitive rate per unit?

A: We do not give vendors a competitive rate to consider. We ask that you provide the lowest possible price per unit (30 Minutes or per Evaluation report). We do not give out the current rates.

Q: What is the reimbursement rate for services?

A: Each service code will ask you to provide your best price per unit or per report. Please refer to the sample provided on the website. Sample BPA 2024