

Questions and Answers

RFA #18002 Behavioral Health Agency Pre-Qualification

Question 1: Do we have to be Medicaid approved for pre qualifications application or do we need to be Medicaid approved before applying to the RFA?

Answer 1: No, but it is a requirement of DCF. The Applicant would be required to pursue Medicaid funding if contracted for service provision.

Question 2: Do the RFA guidelines need to be met prior to applying?

Answer 2: Yes.

Question 3: Will the site visit occur within the dates in the RFA?

Answer 3: Site visits will occur prior to the Notification of Award date.

Question 4: Does applicant have to be a not for profit?

Answer 4: BBHC's funding is a mix between federal dollars and state dollars. Federal dollars require prioritization of contracts with not for profit providers. However, BBHC is able to contract with for profit providers for services that are not available by not for profit providers.

Question 5: What is your procurement type of process?

Answer 5: An RLI: Request for Letter of Intent.

Question 6: Do Provider contracts get bid out annually to the whole network?

Answer 6: Provider contracts do not get bided out annually. Existing provider funding will be bided out if the agency is deficient or no longer wants the contract. New funding or new programs are usually bided out.

Question 7: When that contract expires, it doesn't go out to the whole network?

Answer 7: No, it does not. Unless the provider is continuing to lapse funds or not successfully maintaining the contract.

Question 8: Reallocation of funds is an option, within a contract?

Answer 8: Yes, within funding limits and with BBHC approval.

Question 9: Can you provide us some information of who is a part of the network and what services they provide?

Answer 9: Yes, it is on the BBHC Website.

Question 10: If your focus is on Mental Health services does it have to be substance abuse and mental health?

Answer 10: No.

Question 11: Anything else that is a priority for BBHC?

Answer 11: Evening and weekend office hours, and services provided in different languages to address barriers to services in Broward County.

Question 12: Do you support in home services?

Answer 12: Yes, and Telehealth as well.

Question 13: Do most of your providers have or are you requiring a M.D. on staff?

Answer 13: Depending on the services, a Medical Director is required either consulting or contractual.

Question 14: If we are in the process of obtaining a 501c3 should I include that? We are in process; however, it is being delayed due to the government shutdown.

Answer 14: Yes, you would include that in your application submission.

Question 15: Do you open the network every year?

Answer 15: No, about every 3 years.

Question 16: We are funded by ChildNet for some Mental Health services can we use BBHC funds for services that ChildNet does not reimburse?

Answer 16: Yes.

Question 17: Can we provide services for clients in the criminal justice system?

Answer 17: Yes.

Question 18: How do you manage patients who have substance abuse issue in the past and are prescribed medical marijuana?

Answer 18: We have not had that come up before; however, we have seen clients that are on prescribed controlled substances.

Question 19: How do you deal with court requirements for clients being clean/sober and failing drug tests?

Answer 19: Programs need to deal with the substance use illness first and then they can work on the other court required components.

Question 20: We have 8+ years in mental health but not substance use, can we still apply for mental health?

Answer 20: Yes.

Question 21: Will we be contracted with BBHC or DCF?

Answer 21: The Pre-qualification enables you to pursue future funding with BBHC.

Question 22: Will we get referrals from BBHC or another entity?

Answer 22: Referrals can be received from any entity.

Question 23: Will we bill directly to DCF or BBHC?

Answer 23: Organizations bill directly to BBHC.

Question 24: Can we provide services for clients without insurance?

Answer 24: BBHC funds are for the uninsured/underinsured.

Question 25: Can we provide services for immigrants?

Answer 25: Yes.

Question 26: Is it possible to get a sample of a CLC Plan?

Answer 26: Yes, please find CLAS implementation monitoring tool included with the attachments regarding this procurement.