

ADDENDUM ONE, QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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To: All Bidders

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RE: Addendum for Request for Proposal Number 110145 O3 to be opened December 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time

Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Proposal. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Proposal. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>RFP Section Reference</u>	<u>RFP Page Number</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>State Response</u>
1.	Attachment 3 - Requirements Matrix	1	The Business Requirements section (PR-4) of Attachment 3 refers to Section V.C.4 of the RFP under Project Requirements (page30) when I believe it should be referring to section V.D.4 (page 31). Is this correct? In addition, the Attachment 3 - Requirements Matrix doesn't address Section V.C.4 as it states "Interim Rate Setting". I assume this is because the Annual Cost Settlement no longer settles to Interim Rates and therefore this section does not need to be addressed in the RFP response. Is this correct?	Yes, that is correct. V.D.4 is the correct reference. Refer to the updated "Attachment 3 – Requirements Matrix". Yes. The Annual Cost Settlement is no longer settled on Interim Rates. The State of Nebraska settles annually to the quarterly cost reports.
2.	I. Procurement Procedure	6	Section N. Request for Proposal/Proposal Requirements Item 3. Completed Sections II through VI, should this read Completed Sections II through V?	No. The bidder is responding to Section V. by submitting a completed "Attachment 3 – Requirements Matrix".

3.	RFP Section V, Part C, Requirement 4. c. – <i>The Contractor shall submit the school provider-specific interim rates to the Department for review and approval.</i>	Page 30	Does each individual provider from the cost settlement get a unique rate, or is this creating a unique rate for each provider type? For example, Mary Smith, PT, has a rate of \$5.00 per 15 minutes for Code XYZ, versus PTs at Alma Public School, have a rate of \$5.00 per 15 minutes for Code XYZ.	This section should not have been included in the RFP. Interim rates were stopped in 2017. The State of Nebraska settles annually to the quarterly cost report. Section V.C.4. is hereby removed from the RFP.
4.	RFP Section V, Part C, Requirement 5. b. – <i>The Contractor shall work collaboratively with the Department and its contracted Medicaid provider enrollment vendor to assist schools in enrolling direct service providers and troubleshoot any issues that may arise.</i>	Page 30	Who is the Medicaid provider enrollment vendor for the State? Can the Department provide some examples of tasks the contractor would be expected to assist with in provider enrollment?	Maximus is the vendor for program enrollment. It will be the responsibility of the SBS vendor to ensure all of the providers in the schools are enrolled in the Nebraska Medicaid Program. This will include, but is not limited to, comparing participant lists of providers in the schools to providers enrolled in Maximus.

5.	RFP Section V, Part E, Requirement 5. a. – <i>The Contractor shall ensure that at least fifty percent (50%) of all school providers are audited during each SFY and that each direct service provider is audited at least once every three (3) SFYs.</i>	Page 31	Can the Department confirm that “school providers” refer to the 259 school districts within the State?	Yes, this is confirmed.
6.	RFP Section V, Part F, Requirement 4. a. – <i>The Contractor shall develop processes and procedures and designate points of contact for collaboration with programs that serve children and their families including but not limited to the Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. Collaboration is expected to ensure access to and provision of medical services</i>	Page 33	Will the contractor need to integrate with any other vendor applications other than the State MMIS?	The vendor is not required to integrate with the state MMIS system or any other contractor system. There are data transfers that occur between vendors.

	<i>for Medicaid eligible children.</i>			
7.	Attachment 1, Project Requirements, DELIVERABLES – <i>Cost Settlement Amount for each school DUE: Annually by March 1st</i> <i>-and-</i> <i>Annual Cost Reports DUE: Annually by September 30</i>	Page 1	Can the Department provide some additional clarity on the difference between these two Deliverables?	Adjustments occur in March. Annual Reports are due in September. The Annual reports are the report of costs and the cost settlement is the adjustment of payments and occurs in March.
8.	Evaluation Criteria, Mandatory Requirement 3 – <i>Completed Sections II through VI</i>	Page 1	Should this say “Completed Sections II, III, IV, and VI” – with vendor’s responses to Section V utilizing Attachment 3, Requirements Matrix?	This is the same list that is identified in the Evaluation Criteria.
9.	General	n/a	Can the Department confirm the date in the first quarter that Contractor’s RMTS would be utilized?	September – November
10.	General	n/a	Can the Department confirm the first school year the Contractor would be running the cost settlement for? Does the Department desire annual costs to be entered in Contractor’s application on October 1, 2022? Will the Department provide cost and provider list from previous vendor’s system for the first cost settlement if a new Contractor is selected?	Annual Cost Settlement will be for 2021. Yes Yes
11.	General	n/a	Will the Department designate a timeframe and process for when vendors may submit a test file via ShareFile and receive confirmation of receipt from the Department?	A Bidder may upload one test file with the name “TEST” to the ShareFile link at any time prior to the bid opening date. You will receive a notification that the bid has been uploaded.

12.	Attachment 3 Requirements Matrix in RFP-110145 03	N/A	Please clarify if responses for the requirements matrix in Attachment 3 must be submitted within the table template or can they be addressed using the headers and descriptions restated that are provided in Attachment 3.	Bidders should use the Matrix.
13.	B. Project Environment	28	Please provide the most recent fiscal year cost settled for the Medicaid in Public School (MIPS) program. Please provide the number of school districts included in the most recent fiscal year cost settled. Please provide the total revenue of the most recent fiscal year cost settled. Dollars should be net federal dollars only.	Fiscal Year: FY2020, Number of School Districts: 259 districts/ESUs Revenue: \$2,705,652.81
14.	B. Project Environment	28	Please confirm or clarify if the MIPS and Nebraska Education Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (NEBMAC) programs are both carved out of managed care.	MIPS and Nebraska Education Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (NEBMAC) are carved out of managed care.
15.	E. Audit Requirements	31-32	Please confirm or clarify if the following service documentation is subject to review during an audit of claims and add any missing items to complete the list: IEPs, service logs, and provider licensure.	Yes
16.	E. Audit Requirements	31-32	Please confirm or clarify if the requested audit plan includes a review of all direct service providers at least once every three years as determined by 50% of the school providers to substantiate RMTS participation, quarterly and annual costs reported, as well as the direct service claim itself.	Yes

This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Proposal.