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Addendum No. 1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 24-0075

EVALUATION SERVICES

This Addendum and Clarification item forms a part of the RFP Documents and modifies the original RFP Documents issued April 11, 2024. Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the Addendum Form of the Request for Proposal. Failure to do so may subject proposal to disqualification.

This Addendum consists of 2 Page(s)

CLARIFICATION:

1. Question: Are you considering vendors who provide some services (e.g. ed di, school psych) that have the ability to add other multidisciplinary evaluators as needed (e.g., APE, OT)?

Answer: As outlined in the RFP Scope NOLAPS is seeking Vendors who can provide the full Multidisciplinary Team for Evaluations including but not limited to those services listed in the RFP.

2. Question: Does a single student's SAT meeting in which you are the Evaluation coordinator include the administrative prep and follow up time? It isn't listed in form 9.1

Answer: It is up to the Vendor to arrive at a rate per service inclusive of all elements to perform that service to completion.

3. Question: How would you like us to classify non-face-to-face work, such as email communications, report writing, and other paperwork?

Answer: Please see answer to Question No. 2.

4. Question: How many service providers are you looking to hire?

Answer: It is dependent upon Student and School needs

5. Question : **Part 1:** Young Cypress Psychology has licensed psychologists whose work could be billed for Medicaid reimbursement; however psychologists were not mentioned in the list of providers on page 11. In the event YCP were selected as a result of this RFP, **would**

NOLAPS want to request Medicaid reimbursement for the work of our psychologists?

If the answer to the first question is NO: we will submit a cost proposal that indicates a *rate per service*.

Answer: According to the RFP document that is on NOLA Public Schools Website on page 11 we are seeking Psychologists who are licensed professionals to provide Student Evaluation Support Services. NOLA Public Schools seeks to bill Medicaid for allowable services.

6. Question :If the answer to the first question is YES: **(Part 2)** The Medicaid codes that psychologists use are different from almost all other codes, and require a *rate per time*. Those codes are:
- 96130 - Eval Services (60 min code)
 - 96131 - Eval Services (60 min code) (each additional)
 - 96136 - Test Admin (30 min code)
 - 96137 - Test Admin (30 min code) (each additional)

It is important to note that not all of our work would be eligible for reimbursement, but we would still need to track our work by time to remain compliant with these codes. In this case, **would it be acceptable to submit a cost proposal form that includes a rate per time instead of rate per service?**

Answer: The Procedure Codes listed above do have a time component as set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health Fee Schedule to utilize for billing purposes. However, the State has mandated that those same services must be contractually presented as a fee per service not per hour. Understanding that there are two components in tandem, providers must arrive at a fee per service to apply against each procedure code above. Please submit a cost proposal at a rate per service applicable to each Procedure Code.

7. Question : While many of the components of conducting and writing an evaluation fall into these billable service areas, many do not. If our licensed psychologists were to submit a rate per service (\$XXXX per evaluation), it would not be eligible for Medicaid Reimbursement. In order for our services to be eligible for reimbursement, we need to calculate our work on a per-time basis to remain compliant with the definitions of the codes.

Answer: Please see the answer to Number 6 above.

8. Question : Would you like us to either: a. complete a cost proposal form that indicates a rate per service, which would not be Medicaid-reimbursable, or b. complete a cost proposal form that indicates a rate per time, where a portion of our time could be Medicaid-reimbursable?

Answer: Please see the answer to Number 6 above.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1