

Amendment 3
August 26, 2016
RFP No. 16680

Operational Design of Young Adult Special Population Programs

The following are official modifications, which are hereby incorporated into the New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs, Request for Proposal (RFP) #16680, issued July 6, 2016. For all amendments noted below, the revised language prevails over the original RFP language.

Section 2.1 Introductory Background (page 3) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

The transition from pediatric to adult health care is a significant issue facing all adolescents, but is a critical concern to the adolescents with special health care needs. To make this transition smooth, these young people need assistance over a period of time to assume their new role as informed health care consumers. They also need developmentally appropriate support to understand and manage their condition and to negotiate the changes when they move from pediatric to adult health care systems.

Much progress needs to be made in addressing pediatric practice training, financing, adult provider availability, and consumer education issues in order to ensure that adolescents with special needs receive timely and comprehensive support as they transition out of pediatric care.

According to State Plan Amendment (SPA) #15-0037, Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2015, Part B, Section 52 states:

“Young Adult special populations demonstration programs. The commissioner of health shall establish up to three young adult special populations demonstration programs to provide cost effective, necessary services and enhanced quality of care for targeted populations in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the programs. Eligible individuals shall have severe and chronic medical or health problems, or multiple disabling conditions which may be combined with developmental disabilities. The program shall provide more appropriate settings and services for these individuals, help prevent out of state placements and allow repatriation back to their home communities. Eligible operator applicants shall have demonstrated expertise in caring for the targeted population including persons with severe and chronic medical or health problems or multiple disabling conditions and a record of providing quality care. Funds may include, but not be limited to, startup funds, capital investments and enhanced rates. Of the demonstrations: (a) at least one shall be designed to serve persons aged twenty-one to thirty-five years of age who are aging out of pediatric acute care hospitals or pediatric nursing homes; and (b) at least one shall be designed to serve persons aged twenty-one to thirty-five years of age who have a developmental disability in addition to their severe and chronic medical or health problems and are aging out of pediatric acute care hospitals, pediatric nursing homes or children’s residential homes operated under the jurisdiction of the office for persons with developmental disabilities. The department of health shall be responsible for monitoring the quality and appropriateness and effectiveness of the demonstration programs, and shall report to the legislature no later than December 31, 2015 on what efforts it has undertaken toward the establishment of these demonstration programs and shall report to the legislature two years following the establishment of a demonstration program pursuant to this section.”

Therefore, this competitive procurement contains two (2) parts, Part A and Part B. Part A will relate to the design to serve persons aged 21-35 who are aging out of pediatric acute care hospitals or pediatric nursing homes. Part B will relate to the design to serve persons aged 21-35 years of age who have a developmental disability, in addition to their severe and chronic medical or health problems, and are aging out of a pediatric acute care hospitals, pediatric nursing homes or children’s residential homes operating under the jurisdiction of the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). DOH shall award one (1) to two (2) contracts for each part of this RFP. However, the same vendor can submit bids for both Part A and Part B, potentially being awarded both parts.

Revised Language

The transition from pediatric to adult health care is a significant issue facing all adolescents, but is a critical concern to the adolescents with special health care needs. To make this transition smooth, these young people need assistance over a period of time to assume their new role as informed health care consumers. They also need developmentally appropriate support to understand and manage their condition and to negotiate the changes when they move from pediatric to adult health care systems.

Much progress needs to be made in addressing pediatric practice training, financing, adult provider availability, and consumer education issues in order to ensure that adolescents with special needs receive timely and comprehensive support as they transition out of pediatric care.

The intent of this RFP is to select a contractor(s) to develop a proposal that outlines an operational design for the transition of special populations from pediatric Nursing Homes to a new young adult Nursing Home. These proposals will then be used to assist the DOH with demonstration programs as outlined in Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2015, Part B, Section 52.

This RFP seeks proposals from providers interested in developing the design model for a demonstration project. Therefore, this competitive procurement contains two (2) parts, Part A and Part B. Part A will relate to the design to serve persons aged 21-35 who are aging out of pediatric acute care hospitals or pediatric nursing homes. Part B will relate to the design to serve persons aged 21-35 years of age who have a developmental disability, in addition to their severe and chronic medical or health problems, and are aging out of a pediatric acute care hospitals, pediatric nursing homes or children's residential homes operating under the jurisdiction of the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). DOH shall award one (1) to two (2) contracts for each part of this RFP. However, the same vendor can submit bids for both Part A and Part B, potentially being awarded both parts.

DOH will first award the highest scored proposal from part A and then award the highest scored proposal from part B. Should there be any remaining funds left for this initiative, DOH will award the remaining highest scored proposal submitted for either part.

Section 4.1 Expectations (page 5) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

Upon execution of the contract(s), the Contractor(s) will assist the DOH with two (2) young adult special population demonstration programs to provide cost effective, necessary services and enhanced quality of care for targeted populations in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program.

Revised Language

Upon execution of the contract(s), the Contractor(s) will assist the DOH with the development of the design of young adult special population demonstration plans. The selected Contractor(s) will be expected to meet with DOH and selected personnel on a weekly basis in order to establish a detailed and fine-tuned report which outlines their approach.

Section 4.2 Deliverables (page 5, paragraph 1) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

The Contractor will be required to develop a demonstration program which provides more appropriate settings and services for the young adult population, help prevent out of state placements, and allow repatriation back to their home communities.

Revised Language

The Contractor will be required to develop the design of a demonstration program which provides more appropriate settings and services for the young adult population, help prevent out of state placements, and allow repatriation back to their home communities.

Section 4.2.1 Demonstration Project Program Plan Outline (page 5, paragraph 1) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

For both Part A and Part B, the Contractor must prepare a program plan that outlines the policies, procedures and process effected to complete this demonstration project.

Revised Language

For both Part A and Part B, the Contractor must prepare a program plan that outlines the policies, procedures and process effected to complete their proposed demonstration project.

Section 4.4 Reporting Requirement (page 6) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

The contractor shall submit their initial final report that demonstrates a finalized demonstration program as exemplified in section 3.2.1 within six (6) months of award. This report must not only detail the process to effectuate the transition of the special population from a pediatric to a young adult nursing home, but also the steps a facility would have to undertake to make their plan operational; including the feasibility and cost estimates from entities such as architect/construction firms on the ability to convert existing Residential Health Care Facility (RHCF) beds and space to serve a young adult population. The final report will be reviewed and if requested by DOH may require revisions. Revisions must be received within 30 calendar days of the request.

Revised Language

The contractor shall submit their draft recommendation for a demonstration program design plan as exemplified in section 4.2.1 within six (6) months of award. This report must not only detail the process to effectuate the transition of the special population from a pediatric to a young adult nursing home, but also the steps a facility would have to undertake to make their plan operational; including the feasibility and cost estimates from entities such as architect/construction firms on the ability to convert existing Residential Health Care Facility (RHCF) beds and space to serve a young adult population. The final report will be reviewed and if requested by DOH may require revisions. Revisions must be received within 30 calendar days of the request.

Section 6.2.D.8 Technical Proposal Narrative (page 16) of the RFP is removed

Section 6.3 Cost Proposal (page 16) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

The Bid price is to cover the cost of furnishing all of the aid services, including but not limited to materials, equipment, profit and labor to the satisfaction of the Department of health and the performance of all work set forth in said specifications.

Revised Language

The Bid price for the Demonstration Program design plan and Final report should include all costs associated with the development of the program outline and the finalization of the report. Bidders are encouraged to show a breakdown of how they arrived at their proposed cost, however it is not required.

Attachment C Cost Proposal (page 22) of the RFP is amended as follows:

Original Language

Proposed cost for the Demonstration Program Final report should include all costs associated with the development of the program and finalization of the report. Bidders are encouraged to show a breakdown of how they arrived at this bid cost, however it is not required.

Revised Language

Proposed cost for the Demonstration Program design plan and Final report should include all costs associated with the development of their program outline and finalization of the report. Bidders are encouraged to show a breakdown of how they arrived at their proposed cost, however it is not required.

Attachment D is amended to provide space for a third (3rd) reference.