



Amendment #1

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2021QRTPA002

Qualified Residential Treatment Program Assessment Services (QRTPA)

Questions and Answers

Q1: Would the state consider a virtual option?

A1: MDCPS is willing to consider allowing the selected vendor(s) to conduct QRTP assessments through a telehealth model.

Q2: Would the state consider expert staff licensed from other states?

A2: MDCPS would consider this, however, this will be determined based on the vendors proposed assessment tool.

Q3: What is the current number of QRTPs?

A3: Currently there are 19 Therapeutic group homes (QRTPs) operating in Mississippi.

Q4: What is the expected assessment and reassessment volume?

A4: On average, there are 19 new TGH/QRTP placements per month. MDCPS estimates 500 assessments annually

Q5: Will the contractor's system or state's system be used to capture all requirements of the Assessment program?

A5: The contractor's system will be used to capture all requirements. The assessment tool may require specific utility and access for the assessments.

Q6: Can you provide a breakdown of the number of assessments and reassessments by county or geographic region of the state?

A6: Since the placements may be made prior to the assessment, we believe it would be best to provide the location of the therapeutic group homes by county. See Table below.

County	Count of TGH
Adams	1
Attala	1
Coahoma	1
Grenada	1
Hinds	4
Lauderdale	5
Lincoln	1
Oktibbeha	1
Smith	1
Union	2

Q7: If a plan to provide adequate staffing for all assessments is provided, will the state consider awarding the full contract to one vendor rather than contracting with multiple vendors?

A7: Yes.

Q8: What are the State's required qualifications for Assessors?

A8: The requirements for conducting the assessments may be specific to the vendors proposed assessment too

Q9: Are there appeals associated with the program and to what level of involvement will be required by the vendor in the appeal process?

A9: There are no appeals associated with the QRTP assessments.

Q10: Can the state provide the number of assessments per month based on historical volume?

A10: On average, there are 19 new TGH/QRTP placements per month. MDCPS estimates 500 assessments annually.

Q11: If more than one vendor is selected, how will referrals be assigned to each vendor?

A11: Assessments will be assigned based a rotation.

Q12: Can the child interviews be conducted via telehealth?

A12: MDCPS is willing to consider allowing the selected vendor(s) to conduct QRTP assessments through a telehealth model. Responses should include detailed information describing the vendor's telehealth model, including quality control mechanisms.

Q13: Can these telehealth interviews be conducted by a qualified professional that lives outside the state of Mississippi but has a professional license in another state that qualifies them to complete these assessments?

A13: MDCPS will refer to the licensure board requirements of the professional's state.

Q14: Does this RFQ allow for the independent contract agencies to subcontract out the assessments?

A14: Yes. The agency will consider the independent contract agency to subcontract out the assessments if they meet the qualifications to provide the service.

Q15: If so, do these independent contract agencies have to provide the workman's compensation benefits to these contractors?

A15: Please see section 3.1 of the RFQ regarding insurance requirements for these services.

Q16: If subcontracting is allowed, does the independent contract agencies have to use and provide the E-verify system/program to insure the employability of these subcontractors?

A16: Yes.

Q17: On Attachment B, page 26:

The table in the middle of the page has no instructions as to what needs to be included in the table. What needs to be included in the table?

A17: Attachment B is used as a guide for your budget. The budget must include an itemized breakdown and explain how each line item is calculated. Ex. The cost per assessment x the amount of assessments the contractor will provide during a one-year period. All pricing should be based on contract deliverables on pages 9-12 (Scope of Services) and include all associated costs with no additional or hidden fees.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment One by completing and returning Acknowledgement of Amendment Form (Attachment C) along with your qualification package no later than October 26, 2021, 12:00 p.m., CT.