

New York State Department of Health
RFP #20012RR: Cost Study and Operation of Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Reimbursement Methodology
for the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP)

Questions and Answers Posted 4/30/2024

Question #	Corresponding RFP Section	Question	Answer
1.	General	According to Medicaid Alert# 23-07 posted to the NYSED.gov website on 6/13/23, the “first time study period will now run August 23rd – December 31st for the upcoming school year”. What does this mean for the rest of the summer quarter between July 1 and August 22? Is there going to be a RMTS to cover that period or will an averaging methodology be used?	CMS has indicated (to New York State and in recent SBS claiming guidance) that time studies must be conducted during all times that Medicaid-billable services are being rendered. Therefore, a time study to cover July and August will be implemented in New York State.
2.	General	Does the Department have any planned SPA changes to SSHSP resulting from the CMS guidance published in 2023?	Yes, see response to #1 above. New York is also pursuing State Plan authority to expand covered services to include medically necessary psychological services provided to Medicaid eligible students without an IEP.
3.	General	Can the Department confirm that interim rate setting for services is NOT part of the scope of this RFP?	No, the Department cannot confirm. See RFP Section 4.1: Task Deliverables, Paragraph 1.
4.	General	What is the current value of the contract with incumbent vendor?	All contract information can be found at Open Book New York Office of the New York State Comptroller (ny.gov) .
5.	Section 1.0: Calendar of Events (Page 3 of RFP)	Please confirm the anticipated start date of the contract is November 1, 2024 and that the selected vendor will only be responsible for work following that date.	Yes, this is confirmed.
6.	Section 4.1.1: General Requirements, Table 2 (Page 9 of RFP)	Do any of the 678 public school districts have pre-school children and school-age children? If so, does the vendor need to allow for that public school district to breakout costs by the two programs?	Yes, some of the public school districts serve pre-school children and school-age children, but the public school district is not the Medicaid biller of services provided to pre-school children. Therefore, they do not report costs for those services (the public school could report revenue received for provision of those services but not the cost).
7.	Section 4.11: Business Participation Opportunities for M/WBEs (Pages 15-16 of RFP)	The RFP states, “Engaging with firms found in the directory with like product(s) and/or services is strongly encouraged”. Does that mean a vendor may use an	In order to be counted toward the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE)

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		MBE/WBE certified in another State outside of NY and still be in compliance with the MBE/WBE goal?	goal, the subcontractor would need to be a New York State Certified MWBE.
8.	Section 4.11: Business Participation Opportunities for M/WBEs (Pages 15-16 of RFP)	Would the Department accept an MBE or WBE firm that is working on New York registration, but does not have in place at time of proposal as meeting the RFP criteria?	Yes. However, the organization would need to have received approval of its certification prior to award for participation to count towards the MWBE goal under the resulting contract.
9.	Section 7.0: Proposal Submission (Page 26 of RFP)	Should all three parts of proposal submissions (Administrative, Technical, and Cost) be submitted as a single email or should each part be submitted as a separate email? Does the state have a file size limitation for email attachments?	<p>The three parts of the proposal may be submitted via a single email, provided each part is attached as a separate PDF.</p> <p>The size limit for each email attachment is contingent upon the bidder's email server. A bidder is able to submit multiple emails with split attachments in order to limit attachment sizes.</p>
10.	Attachment C: School Supportive Health Services Program Time Study Implementation Plan	Is there an updated ATTACHMENT C School Supportive Health Services Program Time Study Implementation Plan being submitted in conjunction with the changes in SPA #23-0072, or will an updated SSHSP Time Study Implementation Plan be submitted after the SPA is approved?	An updated SSHSP Time Study Implementation Plan will be submitted for CMS approval separately from the SPA.
11.	Attachment C: School Supportive Health Services Program Time Study Implementation Plan (Page 9 of Attachment)	Can the Department confirm that NYC DOE has the same two cost pools for RMTS as the rest of New York State?	The Department can confirm that NYC DOE currently has only one cost pool for RMTS. At this time the only cost pool utilized in NYC is for direct service therapy staff (i.e., occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy).