

ADDENDUM 1

Questions and Answers

Request for Information for Provision of Inpatient Psychiatric Services

1. We have two hospitals, that are not Joint Commission accredited but follow all Joint Commission standards. Accreditations are in process and expected next year. Both hospitals were deemed by state of LA. Are they eligible for inclusion?

Response: We encourage everyone who is interested to respond. Please notate when you applied for accreditation and when accreditation is expected.

2. What specific policies and procedures are required to be provided. We have hundreds of policies including HR, EOC compliance, and many others. Are only clinical policies required?

Response: Upon selection, specific policies and procedures will be requested by OBH.

3. What is the daily rate?

Response: The daily rate may vary based on several factors specific to the application such as:

- Number of beds proposed
- Special or specific clinical programming proposed
- Past costs reports

The current CEA rate is \$552.05.

4. Will professional fees of the provider be paid separately or as part of the daily rate?

Response: The contracted rate will be inclusive of all fees.

5. On page 4 of the RFI there is an indication that the patients may be referred directly from the state or from the community. Does the referral need a prior authorization or approval from OBH to be admitted under CEA into a “safety net” bed? What is the process for getting a patient approved pursuant to the CEA of the contract?

Response: All admissions must be approved by OBH. Once a patient is admitted, a request for authorization is sent within 24 hours of admission from the treating facility to OBH. This should include verification that the patient does not have insurance or that any existing insurance has denied coverage and any possible appeals. We utilize a designated email for acute authorizations and an online system, Providerlink, once the patients have been judicially committed.

6. On page 6 of the RFI there is a statement regarding average length of stay for these patients which can be up to 3-6 months. How are transfers to a higher level of care or interruptions in stay handled during this period if needed? Does OBH pay for this? Is it to be billed to Oceans?

Response: If a patient is transferred out of a CEA bed, the bed day is not billable under the CEA. If the patient has insurance, then the insurance would be responsible for medical care.

7. On page 9 of RFI there is indication that facility employees will need to have annual TB test. Current standard of practice is TB testing upon hire and annual TB questionnaire. Will this satisfy the requirement of the RFI?

Response: Yes.

8. What is the projected value of the contract?

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