

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Administration
Division of Retirement and Benefits



Oncology Support Services

RFI 02-114-23

Amendment One

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This amendment is being issued to provide Questions and Answers.

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Questions submitted by potential respondents and answers from the state:

Question 1: What is the timeline associated with the evaluation of this RFI?

Answer 1: Responses from Request for Information (RFI) are not evaluated or scored. The information gathered is for market research only. The responses will be reviewed starting July 26, 2023, after 3:00 pm, the RFI response deadline.

Question 2: How will the evaluation of this RFI be scored or evaluated?

Answer 2: Responses from RFI's are not evaluated or scored. The information gathered is for market research only.

Question 3: Will vendors have an opportunity to meet or present to the committee after review of our RFI's responses?

Answer 3: No.

Question 4: Is there a Cone of Silence in effect with this RFI?

Answer 4: Responses to RFI requests are part of the public record. If you submit any confidential or proprietary information in your response it must be clearly identified.

Question 5: If an RFP is scheduled next and if so, when do you anticipate it will be released?

Answer 5: There is not a scheduled RFP at this time.

Question 6: Are all RFI responses to be based upon a prospective January 1 calendar year contract start date? We understand this is only an RFI and want to confirm any contracts associated with the health care ecosystem are in alignment with your other vendors (ie: Aetna, Optum) effective dates.

Answer 6: No. The RFI is a request for information only. Contracts are not awarded from an RFI. Should the state pursue an RFP for these services, any ensuing contract may or may not have a January 1 calendar year contract start date. Most current AlaskaCare vendor contracts have a January 1 calendar year contract start date, but a January 1 contract start date would not be necessary for the services contemplated in this RFI.

Question 7: What are the current cancer advocacy programs in place currently? Are they with a separate vendor or embedded in the medical and PBM vendors?

Answer 7: The state does not currently have a specific cancer advocacy program in place. The medical plan offers patient support services and complex case management through Aetna's In Touch care program and includes Aetna's drug infusion/injection site of care program.

Question 8: We would like to confirm there are 15,000 employees and their dependents enrolled in the medical plan?

Answer 8: There are approximately 15,000 covered lives in the employee medical plan (encompassing subscribers and dependents).

End of Amendment