

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Health  
Division of Behavioral Health



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

RFP 2026-1600-0028

### **Amendment #6**

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**This amendment is being issued to provide responses to potential offeror requested changes to the RFP, and to extend the deadline for receipt of proposals until August 28, 2025 at 12:00pm Alaska Time.**

**This amendment is for informational purposes only. Offerors do not need to acknowledge it on RFP 2026-1600-0028 - Submittal Form A.**

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## Potential Offeror RFP Requests / Changes:

### 1. Re-evaluation of the current RFP structure and funding

#### State Response:

The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) has reassessed the scope of provider support since the original RFP release. The current RFP reflects a narrower focus than the original Behavioral Health Provider Support Organization (BHPSO) intent, incorporating changes based on iterative public feedback and internal planning.

Following a robust period of informal stakeholder engagement, DBH published a draft BHPSO RFP (2024-1600-0316) on April 19, 2024, with a formal public comment period hosted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System from April 22 to May 20, 2024. To maximize public engagement, DBH also sent a GovDelivery eMemo on April 19, 2024, to all behavioral health providers and stakeholders, including ABHA, AHHA, and tribal organizations. All public comments received were considered when developing the final RFP posted for offeror response on July 12, 2024; responses were allowed through an extended deadline of September 30, 2024. This final RFP required potential vendors to demonstrate the ability to meet a comprehensive set of technical and operational deliverables to address behavioral health providers expressed needs and complement existing State staff activities.

The State closed the initial solicitation in April 2025 based upon the extended timeline for the solicitation and State Procurement Regulations, Title 2 AAC 12.860 as follows:

- (3) the solicitation did not provide for consideration of all factors of significance to the state
- (7) the award is not in the best interest of the state.

The State took the opportunity to reconsider the scope of work approach to providing comprehensive provider support as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. On June 27, 2025, DBH re-issued the BHPSO RFP through the Alaska Online Public Notice System and sent a GovDelivery eMemo to all providers and stakeholders explaining the State's revised approach, including the following information:

The BHPSO will act as a key partner in advancing the goals of Alaska's 1115 Behavioral Health Reform Demonstration Waiver by strengthening provider capacity and improving access to services across the state. Core activities include regional provider capacity development, support for Medicaid provider enrollment, and in-state travel for provider outreach and engagement activities. The BHPSO will help identify provider area gaps, support recruitment and onboarding of new and existing providers, and assist with enrollment documentation, among other strategic planning initiatives.

#### Other areas that are forthcoming:

- Provider Technical Assistance and Education, anticipated to be launched later this summer using existing contractual resources. This initiative is designed to strengthen the skill set of behavioral health providers by delivering education and technical assistance on Medicaid billing processes, Medicaid program understanding, and operational strategies that promote consistent, compliant billing practices across the market.
- Data Integration and Analytics Solution which will support the integration of multiple Medicaid data sources to generate clear, actionable insights. The RFP will pursue a comprehensive, AI-enabled data analytics solution that can seamlessly integrate information from multiple disparate systems to generate both high-level insights and detailed views, as well as including expert analysis to translate findings into actionable strategies, inform policy decisions, and support continuous improvement efforts across Medicaid programs

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## **2. Revision or renaming of the RFP to match its actual scope**

### **State Response:**

DBH will not revise or rename the RFP, which aims to procure a vendor to support provider needs based on priorities and available funding. Offerors were advised during the pre-proposal conference to include any value-added services beyond the RFP scope in their proposals.

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## **3. Reengagement with provider organizations to co-design a model that delivers value and support**

### **State Response:**

The current scope of work reflects integration of extensive internal and external stakeholder feedback, a targeted review of the original Administrative Services Organization provider support model, and an internal assessment of the results of the prior BHP SO RFP. As outlined in the response to Item 1, DBH designed a modular strategy to address key provider support priorities and intends to leverage existing State contracts to the fullest extent to maximize operational efficiency. The BHP SO RFP seeks vendor support for activities that fall outside the scope of these current State contracts.

End of Amendment #6