

Amendment 1 – Answers to Written Inquiries
Enhancing Alaska’s Behavioral Health Crisis Response Continuum
March 27th, 2026

Question 1: The target population listed in Section 1.05 of the RFP is “Alaskans of all ages who experience behavioral health crisis (both mental health and substance use related) with priority given to individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, or ineligible for Medicaid”

Our agency does not serve ages over the age of 24. Does this RFP intent mean the agency applying must serve all ages?

Answer 1: Yes, the RFP is meant to serve BOTH youth and adults.

Question 2: I want to confirm that our organization can submit two separate applications (one for each of the Application Groups), both within our same region of Northern Southeast Alaska.

Answer 2: Yes, your organization may submit two separate applications within the same region (Northern Southeast Alaska), provided that:

- One application is submitted under Application Group 1 (Psychiatric Emergency Services - PES), and
- One application is submitted under Application Group 2 (Crisis Enhancement Services)

The RFP allows one (1) response per region per application group, not one total response across both groups. Therefore, submitting one application per application group within the same region is allowable and compliant with the RFP requirements.

Question 3: I am interested in the award structure. I see that there is an award amount allotted for each region, and each award (and application) can only equal up to 50% of the allotment. But if there is only one applicant and/or only one agency providing either of these groups of services in the region, is it possible to receive two awards (or one award of

the full award allotment for the region)? If not, will that second half of the allotted funding go unspent?

Answer 3: Per the RFP, each application is limited to no more than 50% of the total estimated funding allocated for a given region and service category (e.g., Psychiatric Emergency Services or Crisis Enhancement). This cap is intended to support multiple providers within a region where feasible and to promote a robust service continuum.

However, if only one qualified applicant applies within a region for a specific application group, the State may, at its discretion, consider funding up to the full regional allocation. This would depend on the applicant's demonstrated capacity, the strength of the proposal, and the ability to meet all service requirements outlined in the RFP.

If the full amount of regional funding is not awarded within a region—due to lack of applications or insufficient demonstrated need—those funds may be reallocated to other regions where need and capacity are demonstrated, as stated in the RFP. Therefore, unused funds are not expected to remain unspent but may be redistributed to ensure statewide service coverage.

In summary:

- Each application is capped at 50% of the regional allocation.
- Multiple awards within a region are preferred when possible.
- A single provider may be considered for additional funding if no other qualified applicants are available, at the State's discretion.
- Unawarded funds may be shifted to other regions based on need.

Question 4: We do not currently provide Title 47 evaluations and assessments as we do not have the kind of facility required to be able to conduct such DOC requirements (under Title 47.30). Our assessments occur in person the Emergency Room facility at the Anchorage Native Medical Center hospital, when Law enforcement or emergency responders bring individuals to our location.

To be eligible for the Group #1 PES grant, will it be required for us to start conducting Title 47 evaluations in person within the correctional facility or via tele-health when operationally feasible?

Answer 4: Title 47 evaluations MAY BE conducted in person within the correctional facility or via tele-health when clinically appropriate and operationally feasible.

If your agency cannot currently provide Title 47 evaluations and assessments due to inability to have the kind of facility required to be able to conduct such DOC requirements (under Title 47.30), then describe processes for responding to Title 47 evaluation requests, including coordination procedures in your proposals. In addition, please read through Section 2.04 Support/coordination of services. Proposal must address partnerships/collaborations and community support to address Title 47 evaluations.

Question 5: I am reviewing the solicitation for the Enhancing AK ABH Crisis Response Continuum and noticed that the community of Saint George is missing from the Aleutian Region list. Can you please let me know if this is a mistake or intentional? It's one of the communities we serve.

Answer 5: St George is will be in region 9 Aleutian West Census Area in the AK Medicaid Section 1115 BH Demonstration Waiver Regions