



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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April 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Letter of Interest for Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion

Purpose of Letter of Interest

The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) under the Health Care Authority (HCA) is seeking the interest of current substance use disorder residential treatment program provider(s) to expand treatment beds for pregnant and parenting women.

Background

HCA/DBHR has been directed by the legislature in House Bill 5127 to increase the number of substances use disorder (SUD) residential treatment beds by sixteen (16) beds in 2025 and thirty-two (32) additional beds phased in by 2027 for PPW. HCA is requesting letters of interest to fund existing residential treatment facilities to support expansion of PPW services directed in HB 5127.

A successful requestor will be awarded up to \$1,425,000 to expand bed capacity up to an additional sixteen (16) beds by 2025. The expected startup period is June 30th, 2024, and ends on June 30th, 2025. HCA will support providers in leveraging Medicaid dollars through the Managed Care and Fee-For-Service (FFS) system to cover ongoing costs of patient treatment services. HCA will select providers to expand capacity for PPW beds based on need, workforce capacity, readiness, and population of the service area.

The funds have specific requirements and may not be used to purchase or improve land, construct or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) a building or facility, and funds may not be used to purchase major medical equipment.

Minimum Qualifications

Be able to bill for Medicaid with one or more MCO (s) and or contracted with HCA to bill FFS, for individuals without a managed care plan. Meet Medicaid requirements in accordance federal Medicaid rule: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/become-apple-health-provider>
Be a currently licensed residential treatment facility with the DOH and follow staffing requirements to meet capacity expansion for both PPW clients and their children. Meet requirements for child services at the treatment facility, per DOH rules, within the period of time of implementation.

Letter of Interest Response Requirements

All responses for interest to expand PPW residential treatment capacity will provide the following details:

1. **Overview of Agency:** Official agency name, mission statement, population(s) served, licenses, CEO information, identified contract information, agency and PPW or women's program contact information (name, phone, email, fax, physical address, mailing address), Statewide Vendor (SWV) number, DUNs number, and experience and/or interest in serving PPW population. (1-2 pages)
2. **Facility:** Describe provider's ability to expand capacity in current facility with a detailed plan for expansion, number of additional bed spaces requested, and if applicable, identify a plan for hiring additional staff by time of first enrollment to meet staffing requirements for PPW and their children. (1-3 pages)
3. **Timeline:** A timeline detailing the provider's process leading up to enrolling additional clients into program. (1-2 pages)

Final Determination of Successful Provider:

- HCA/DBHR management and program staff will review all Letter of Interest Responses and determine which Responses meet the Eligibility/Minimum Qualifications requirements.
- HCA/DBHR management and program staff will evaluate the eligible Responses and select the Successful Provider (s).
- HCA/DBHR program staff will notify the Successful Provider (s) of selection and move forward with contract negotiations.

Letter of Interest Schedule:

Due Date

Letter of Interest (LOI) Release	April 8, 2024
LOI Questions from Providers	April 15, 2024
HCA/DBHR Answers to Provider Questions	April 18, 2024
LOI Responses Submission from Providers	April 29, 2024

Submit Provider Questions and Provider Respond Submissions to: Ashley Pina, Pregnant and Parenting Families SUD Policy Administrator ashley.pina@hca.wa.gov