

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

#### Expanded Hour/Same Day Service for Methadone and for Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

**Program Name:** Expanded Hour/Same Day Service for Methadone and Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to rebid a contract for the Expanded Hour/Same Day Service to Methadone and Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) initiative. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response grant (Short Title: SOR). The SOR grant period is September 30, 2022 to September 29, 2024. Funding is available through September 29, 2024, depending on Federal appropriations. The contract awarded from this Expanded Hour/Same Day Service to Methadone and Other Medications in OTPs initiative (Short Title: Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs) RFP is intended to be for one (1) year. Total annualized funding, subject to Federal appropriations, is \$800,000; however, the initial contract will be prorated for eight months for a total of \$533,333. Funds must include services to provide low threshold, on- demand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) followed by treatment or referral to ongoing care for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD). These services create access to treatment by removing traditional barriers such as service hours.

DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award in the amount of \$800,000 for one (1) year; however, the initial contract will be prorated for eight months for a total of \$533,333. The award for Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs will be made with the goal of services being available across the State with special focus on high-need and underserved areas. Related data can be found at DMHAS' website<sup>1</sup>.

The Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs will provide same-day access to treatment for individuals with an OUD with or without co-occurring mental health and/or physical health disorders. Services will include medical screening and facilitated referral; behavioral health assessment; medications for treatment of OUD including, methadone and buprenorphine; case management services; brief intervention; and treatment and/or

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/publications/statistical/index.html>

facilitated referral to ongoing treatment. Providers will have naloxone available at all times.

These services create increased access to care by removing traditional barriers to engagement and ongoing treatment. New Jersey has designated two MAT Centers of Excellence (COEs) in the treatment of OUDs, one at Rowan University/Cooper Medical School in Camden, NJ, and another located at Rutgers University Medical School in Newark, NJ. The COEs offer free training, mentoring and telephonic assistance to prescribers or individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD). These services will be available to the successful bidder.

In addition to onsite services, the successful bidder will provide prescribing services through telehealth, thereby expanding the reach of the Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total annualized funding, subject to Federal appropriations, is \$800,000; however, the initial contract will be prorated for eight months for a total of \$533,333.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** Priority will be given to underserved areas. Any NJ-licensed OTP with a commitment to providing low-barrier/on demand medication and support to individuals with an OUD shall provide a full array of programmatic services, to include six (6) additional hours per day, a minimum of six (6) days per week with the goal of extending hours into the evening and admitting new individuals for these services during these times. The additional operating hours may be continuous or separated by times when the clinic closes and would reopen for business.

To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder may be a non-profit, for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- Applicant must be a NJ-licensed OTP; this does not apply to providers that are SAMSHA-certified OTPs only;
- Awardees must have the capacity to provide medications for addiction through expanded hours and provide same day treatment services;
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements.
- If a bidder is determined, in DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within twelve (12) months after bid submission, DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award;
- The bidder must not appear on the State of [New Jersey Consolidated Debarment](#)

[Report](#)<sup>2</sup> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;

- Pursuant to DHS Contract Policy and Information Manual Policy Circular 8.05, the bidder shall not have a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. Persons in a position of trust include Provider Agency staff members, officers and Governing Board Members. A bidder must have written Conflict of Interest policies and procedures that satisfy the requirements of P8.05, thereby ensuring that paid Board members do not participate in transactions except as expressly provided in the P8.05 circular; and
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit bidder and each proposed subcontractor must have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue. This statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective October 19, 2023, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
PO Box 362  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0362

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2023.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before December 22, 2023,

October 10, 2023

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Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>