Department of Social Services

Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Grant Opportunity

Statements of Intent from Prospective Local Lead Organizations

Questions and Answers

Question received as of 4:00 p.m. on March 5, 2019:

1. In submitting an SOI for the InCK grant are we supposed to include the letters of support from schools, collaborating agencies, etc… or just describe the network of services and agencies that we work with given that we were just notified of the grant opportunity today and there is a five page limitation associated with the application?  To be clear, Prospective LLO’s must attest and detail all the items noted under 1 – 23 by the deadline date of 3/8/19 (including securing letters of commitment/collaboration).  Is this accurate?

Answer: Prospective LLOs are not required to submit the letters of support that are referenced in the Request.  They must, however, describe the entities from which they expect to receive letters of support.  Letters of support are a required component of submission of the InCK application.

1. Does Parent as Teachers count as a community-based stakeholder initiative given that we have a consumer and community advisory group and the program focuses on pre-natal to age five?

Answer: Community-based entities that are not participating in a formal community-based stakeholder initiative should detail any other relevant activity that represents local coordination.

1. How many Opportunity Districts or cities do you intend to serve in this proposal?

Answer: DSS will select one or more LLOs with which to partner, and the number of Opportunity Districts to be served will reflect that selection. The ultimate proposed InCK proposal must reflect a sub-part of the State as the application requires an in-state comparison cohort.

1. Is there a specific number of attributed beneficiaries you have in mind for this proposal?

Answer: No. Once the geographic area(s) has/have been selected, all eligible Medicaid and CHIP members under the age of 21 will be attributed to the program. The LLOs will be responsible for working with partners in that geographic area to improve the health and well-being for all attributed members.

1. Is there a preference for the state to select one LLO rather than two or more?

Answer: No. The selection will be based on the Statements of Interest.

1. Is it possible for a selected LLO to subcontract with another organization to extend the reach of the grant into multiple communities?

Answer: DSS expects the selected LLO(s) to take primary responsibility for the initiative, but will consider subcontracts that further the interests of the State.

1. Is it the Department’s desire to have the LLO focus on one community rather than multiple communities?

Answer: The Department encourages prospective LLOs to focus on the geographic area in which they can have the greatest opportunity to improve health and well-being for individuals under the age of 21.

1. Is there a baseline threshold of lives necessary to test alternative payment models?

Answer: No

1. Is there a preference for the LLO to be a behavioral health organization as opposed to a primary care provider?

Answer: No

1. Have all the school districts mentioned been involved in community based stakeholder initiatives such as Strive Together Cradle to Career or Promise Zone? If a potential applicant has not been involved in one of these does it rule them out for consideration?

Answer: Please see answer #2

1. Is it clearly the state’s preference for the LLO to submit the proposal to CMMI?

Answer: Yes, reflecting CMMI’s emphasis on the role of local organizations.

1. When submitting the SOI to DSS, do we need to provide documentation *at that time* that our Board of Directors on behalf of the proposed LLO is committed to community-based solutions and will help all healthcare organizations improve outcomes and achieve success?

Answer: Yes. The Department expects that the board of the LLO fully supports the efforts of improving the health and well-being of all attributed members in the community served. The Department does not expect the board to support practices, programs, policies and payment models that put the agency at a financial disadvantage. In addition, there is an emphasis on data collection, analysis and reporting for the attributed population. The LLO will partner with DSS in order to meet the needs of the data reporting requirements. It is likely that DSS or its agent(s) will provide the applicable data to the LLO in order for the LLO to do population health management.

1. When does DSS intend to announce the LLOs it will work with for its submission?

Answer: As soon as possible so we can immediately collaborate with the LLO on the grant application.

1. Do we need to provide letters of commitment and collaboration with our SOI? Must these collaborations be established and confirmed by the SOI submission this Friday?

Answer: Please see answer #1

1. Is it required that we have a behavioral health provider as a partner even if we are the main behavioral health provider in the community?

Answer: All attributed members eligible for Medicaid and CHIP under the age of 21 must be included in the service delivery model. If the LLO does not serve all attributed members in the geographic area, partnerships must be established.

1. Do we need to provide a letter of commitment from our board of directors for the SOI?

Answer: Yes. Please see answer #12.

1. If we participate in the InCK grant would we still receive our FQHC rate for our services or would we be required to accept APC or APM that is required to begin in Year 2 of the Operational Phase per the RFP?

Answer: As part of the application, the state Medicaid agency must propose an Alternative Payment Model for the geographic service area.