

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Nursing Home for Complex Care Behaviors

Request for Proposal

RFP# DMHAS/DSS-Nursing Home for Complex Care Behaviors (NH-CB)-2026

ADDENDUM #1

The state of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is issuing Addendum 1 to the Nursing Home for Complex Care Behaviors Request for Proposal.

Addendum 1 contains:

A. Questions and Answers - The following are DMHAS responses to the questions received before, during and after the Bidder's Conference.

1. **Question:** For the first bullet point, does DMHAS or the Committee have criteria that would be used to determine what is considered "good financial and regulatory standing with all state agencies" as a minimum qualification? If not, would there be specific known exclusions that would disqualify an applicant?

Answer: The organization and nursing home must be in good financial and regulatory standing with all Connecticut State Agencies. For example, if a nursing home organization has unpaid provider tax (user fee) or unpaid Department of Public Health (DPH) civil monetary penalties the nursing home organization would be deemed ineligible.

2. **Question:** Based on the question above, would this criteria, and inclusion or exclusion, be applied to both the management entity and the proposed facility or facilities in an RFP application?

Answer: The entire organization will be reviewed, including but not limited to the parent company, the management company, and each individually licensed nursing facility.

3. **Question:** How was the capacity determined to be 45 beds and is there referral or waiting list data on the need for placement? Was this methodology of active referrals and a wait list used (and how) in the determination of need and the overall minimum capacity of 45. What is the potential maximum need for placement annually and overall potential capacity need (if the minimum need is 45, is there a maximum need)?

Answer: The capacity was determined based on tracking waitlist numbers over the past several state fiscal years. The Departments will continue to monitor waitlist data for ongoing consideration of program capacity needs.

4. **Question:** Based on the prior question and the inability to place patients who could be ready for admission in a SNF currently, what areas of the state would be

advantageous based on where these referrals are generated from, patient/family locations for visitation etc. Are there referral patterns including acceptance or denial rates for patients who qualify for CCNH/SNF level care for this category of care, but have not been accepted?

Answer: Currently, Connecticut has a skilled nursing facility admitting persons with complex care needs located in the central part of the state. Based on data showing that referrals are being received from all areas of the state, and from multiple referral sources, a specific location has not been identified as more advantageous than another. The Departments have not identified any patterns of acceptance or denial based on location. All referrals are evaluated based on the results of a comprehensive screening process and record review while evaluating nursing facility level of care, and clinical appropriateness.

5. **Question:** Section I.B.6 of the RFP, titled "Eligibility," states in its entirety as follows:

Eligibility. Private provider organizations (defined as non-state entities that are either nonprofit or proprietary corporations or partnerships), CT State agencies, and municipalities are eligible to submit proposals in response to this RFP. Individuals who are not a duly formed business entity are ineligible to participate in this procurement.

Pursuant to C.G.S. §17a-676, and in accordance with federal grant requirements for use of this funding, the Department may only award contracts for the services requested herein to private nonprofit organizations or Connecticut municipalities. Eligible respondents are private provider organizations (defined as non-state entities that are 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations or partnerships with principal place of business in Connecticut) or Connecticut municipalities.

Could you please confirm that for-profit entities are eligible to apply and receive an award?

Answer:

Yes, for-profit organizations are eligible to submit proposals and may receive an award if selected.