



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 34401-99221
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR PHARMACY SERVICES FOR MIDDLE
TENNESSEE COMMUNITY HOMES AND HAROLD
JORDAN CENTER**

DATE: **February 18, 2021**

RFP # 34401-99221 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **This RFP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFP dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.**

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE
1. RFP Issued		January 25, 2021
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 28, 2021
3. Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 29, 2021
4. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 4, 2021
5. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		February 18, 2021
6. Response Deadline	12:00 p.m.	March 4, 2021
7. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		March 29, 2021
8. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals	2:00 p.m.	March 30, 2021
9. State Notice of Intent to Award Released <u>and</u> RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection	2:00 p.m.	April 8, 2021
10. End of Open File Period		April 15, 2021
11. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		April 16, 2021
12. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	April 21, 2021

2. **State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.**

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

Question #	Question Location	Question	State's Response
1	Pro Forma Section A.10.	Can you please clarify the requirement of packaging of medication? I'm reading unit dose and 30-31-day supply. Is a 30-31-day bubble packing card acceptable? Or does each dose need its own separate packaging?	A 30-31-day bubble packing card is acceptable.
2	Pro Forma Section A.10.	Section A.10. states that provider shall provide a system for the provision of "stat" or immediate use dosages that are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. In the last 90 days, how many "stat" doses have been needed? Is there an estimated frequency?	In the last 90 days, the State has not ordered a "stat" dose. The State cannot guarantee or estimate a quantity of "stat" doses ordered throughout the contract period.
3	Pro Forma Section A.14.	Section A.14. states the contractor shall provide a monthly receiving report of all returned medications for credit along with monthly utilization report. Our company can accept non-controlled medication returns for destruction. Is this sufficient?	All returned medications must be included on the monthly report and credited to the State. It is at the Contractor's discretion if the medications are destructed.
4	Pro Forma Section A.16.	Section A.16. requires a pharmacist to provide quarterly reviews of resident records and inspections. Our company would bill the appropriate party for pharmacist consulting fees at a pre-determined rate. Is this agreeable?	No. Quarterly pharmacy reviews are required quarterly at no cost to the State.
5	Pro Forma Section A.17.	Section A.17. refers to hours that pharmacy must accept drug orders. Our pharmacy is open from 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday. We can accept new prescription orders via e-prescribing, fax, and phone/voicemail after those hours. Are our hours agreeable?	No. Please see Pro Forma Section A.17. for acceptable hours and delivery terms. This is also outlined in Attachment Two Liquidated Damages. A backup pharmacy would be considered a subcontractor. Please see RFP Section 4.4., RFP Attachment 6.2. Items B.14. and B.15., and Pro Forma Section D.7.

		<p>a. We are not open on Saturdays. Could orders sent after 3pm on Friday be delivered on Monday by 12pm?</p> <p>b. We have a backup pharmacy that is available 24/7 if needed in an emergent situation.</p>	
6	Pro Forma Section B.	Section B refers to the term of the contract being 60 months. Is this term negotiable?	No. This term is not negotiable.
7	RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B, Item B.17.	B.17. states that the customer references should be from individuals who are not current or former State employees. Does this include individuals at the Middle Tennessee & West Tennessee Community Homes and at the Harold Jordan Center?	References from individuals that are currently or were previously employed at the Middle Tennessee Community Homes, West Tennessee Community Homes, and Harold Jordan Center shall not be accepted.
8	General	What is the reason for the RFP?	Please see RFP Section 1.1. Statement of Procurement Purpose and Pro Forma Section A. Scope.
9	General	Was an RFP mandated by the state to open for proposals or due to being unhappy with current provider?	The resulting contract(s) from this RFP shall ensure continuation of contracted services that are expiring in 2021.
10	General	Who is incumbent pharmacy provider?	Turenne Pharmed Co, Inc. is the current Contractor.

3. **RFP Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFP not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.