

State of Mississippi State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Request for Proposal for Decision Support Services

**Amendment Number Two
Vendor Questions and Board Responses
August 20, 2019**

1. In reviewing the responses to vendor questions, the issue of the start of implementation is not clear. Will implementation start upon contract execution (potentially in November) or will any contracted services (including implementation) begin on the contract effective date of January 1, 2020?
 - In #8 the Board states: The service period for the contract to be awarded will commence on January 1, 2020.
 - In #29 the Board states: Confirmed to the question “please clarify if the desired go-live date of the platform is the same as the Contract Effective Date of 1/1/20 mentioned in the RFP?”
 - In #30 the Board states the actual contract is expected to be executed in early November 2019, with a January 1, 2020 service effective date.

We are left with some contradiction and confusion. Does the board expect to sign a contract with a vendor in November and have the system live (all data acquired, mapped, loaded, verified, tested) by January 1, 2020 (less than 60 days to implement extensive data files and enable a fully functioning system)? Or does the Board expect to sign a contract with a vendor and the actual implementation services begin (contact carriers/data suppliers, hold kick-off meetings, etc.) after January 1, 2020?

Implementation is expected to begin upon contract execution, prior to January 1, 2020. While the RFP anticipates an effective contract date of January 1, 2020, the actual go live date for services will ultimately be determined subsequent to the contract award during negotiations with the selected vendor. Key implementation service deliverables and their respective dates will be negotiated with the selected vendor and incorporated into the required implementation bond. The Board’s goal is to minimize service disruption while providing adequate time and resources for a successful implementation of the new contract. As such, the Board seeks to establish an actual service effective date as soon as possible and practical after the anticipated January 1, 2020 contract effective date.

NOTE: This amendment is hereby made a part of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board’s Request for Proposal for Decision Support Services (RFP). This document must be signed and returned with your response to the RFP to acknowledge that you received the amendment and that you have accounted for it in your response to the Request for Proposal.

Authorized Signature of Proposer

Date

Printed Name of Proposer