

MDFA OI IFB for Decision Support and Related Health Care Analysis Consulting Services
MDFA OI IFB RFX Number: 3160007100
Amendment One
Issue Date: February 13, 2025

The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (MDFA) Office of Insurance (OI) through this Amendment One, modifies the original MDFA OI IFB RFX 3160007100 issued on January 28, 2025.

1. The **attached Questions and Answers document** is incorporated fully along with this Amendment One as part of MDFA OI IFB RFX 3160007100.

Please acknowledge receipt of MDFA OI IFB RFX 3160007100 Amendment One by signing and returning this amendment, along with your bid, **on or before 2:00 PM CST, February 28, 2025**. This acknowledgment should be enclosed in your bid packet in accordance with the submission instructions located in the IFB. **Failure to submit this acknowledgment may result in rejection of the bid.**

Company Name: _____

Printed Name of Representative: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Procurement Questions and Answers

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1.		02/11/2025, 9:54 AM	Will you please confirm that we can submit our vendor questions via the following email address? InsuranceRFP@dfa.ms.gov	All questions must be submitted as prescribed within the IFB to the email address identified.
2.		02/11/2025, 9:54 AM	We are a registered vendor today with the State of Mississippi but do we need to register on your MAGIC platform to submit our IFB proposal due on 2/28 or can we submit our proposal and exhibits/attachments via email.	<p>Please understand that being recognized by the State of Mississippi Chief Procurement Officer for a state contract or cooperative is not the same as being a registered supplier with our state e-procurement system. If your company is not already registered with our state e-procurement system and has an assigned supplier number/account with it, we recommend doing so in advance as all electronic bids are required to be submitted via this system. Timely submission is the supplier's responsibility, regardless of delivery method elected (electronic or paper). Assistance with supplier registration or any other system related issues is available via email, mash@dfa.ms.gov, or by calling the MMRS Call Center at (601) 359-1343. This registration is a one-time event, so we recommend retaining the supplier information and using a generic company contact method (email) versus a specific individual to prevent any potential issues later with your company's account.</p> <p>As stated in IFB Section 7.2.3, "Bids may be submitted in a paper format via the two address options below or electronically via the State of Mississippi's Accountability System for Governmental Information and Collaboration (MAGIC)." These are the only two acceptable methods for</p>

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				bid submission. Submission by other means will be rejected. Furthermore, emailed submissions fail to meet the “sealed” competitive bid requirement.																
3.	Section 4.1.25 - Must have/provide the following functional system requirements, page 8	02/11/2025, 10:25 AM	"Ability to provide audit trails" - Please further define the requirement related to audit trails.	This refers to the system’s ability to track and report changes and updates to the received and stored data.																
4.	Section 4.1.21 - Provide access to the system for a minimum of eight (8) designated users, page 7	02/11/2025, 10:25 AM	How many of the eight requested users will be third-party users from your consultant and actuary vendors?	The Board’s users currently include approximately 5 personnel in accounting, benefits, analysis, and management, as well as approximately 3 external actuarial and consultant users.																
5.	Section 7.1.6 - Signed IFB Statutory Requirement Disclosure Statement, pages 17-18	02/11/2025, 10:25 AM	<p>Please provide a table showing the data source and data type that will be loaded to the decision support system. Please see sample table, below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Vendor</th> <th>Data Type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Active Health</td> <td>Disease Management</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BCBS-MS</td> <td>Medical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CVS Caremark</td> <td>Rx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minnesota Life</td> <td>Life Insurance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vendor Name</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vendor Name</td> <td>Biometrics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vendor Name</td> <td>Provider</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Vendor	Data Type	Active Health	Disease Management	BCBS-MS	Medical	CVS Caremark	Rx	Minnesota Life	Life Insurance	Vendor Name	Eligibility	Vendor Name	Biometrics	Vendor Name	Provider	<p>Of the vendors listed in Section 7.1.6 of the IFB, the Board currently receives data into the decision support system from ActiveHealth® Management, Inc., Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc.), Acentra Health f/k/a Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro), and Minnesota Life Insurance Company. The Board reserves the right to add or delete vendors to the current list of entities that will supply data to the selected decision support services vendor.</p> <p>Currently, the decision support system is receiving and maintaining wellness data relative to biometric measures, health risk assessments, and related risk assessment metrics. The volume, frequency, and content of such data imports is subject to change.</p>
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				Currently, all data feeds are transmitted on a monthly basis.																
6.	Section 4.1.6 - Maintain on-line access to at least the most recent sixty (60) months of claims data, page 6	02/11/2025, 10:25 AM	For #3, directly above, have any of the data sources/data types been in effect to support loading 63 months of data (based on claims' paid date) to the initial decision support system? Please share details in the data source table if data sources/data types have changed over time and if historic data only is needed for any data source/data type.	<p>The vendors identified in Question #5 have remained the same for the past 5+ years, except for Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc) as our Pharmacy Benefit Manager, which was previously Prime Therapeutics, LLC.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Vendor</th> <th>Data Type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ActiveHealth® Management, Inc.</td> <td>Health & Wellness Management</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi</td> <td>Medical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc.</td> <td>Rx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minnesota Life Insurance Company</td> <td>Life Insurance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi; Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc.); AND Acentra Health f/k/a Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro)</td> <td>Biometrics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi; AND Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc)</td> <td>Provider</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Vendor	Data Type	ActiveHealth® Management, Inc.	Health & Wellness Management	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi	Medical	Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	Rx	Minnesota Life Insurance Company	Life Insurance	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi	Eligibility	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi; Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc.); AND Acentra Health f/k/a Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro)	Biometrics	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi; AND Caremark PCS Health (CVS Pharmacy, Inc)	Provider
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7.	Section 1 - Authority, Purpose, and	02/11/2025, 10:25 AM	How many of the 190,000 members are employees and retirees (i.e., excluding dependents)?	Approximately 135,000.																

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8.	Section 4.1.17 - Cooperate with the Board and all other vendors of the Board with respect to on-going activities and in any transition of responsibilities, page 7	02/11/2025, 10:25 AM	Please clarify the requirement for "any transition of responsibilities".	The Board's goal is to minimize service disruption while providing adequate time and resources for the successful implementation of any new contract, either for these services or any other related services.
9.			I am wondering if there is a way to pull the incumbent's bid from the last time this contract was awarded. It would be great to understand who the competitors are for this bid and what the price point was in the prior period.	The current Decision Support and Related Health Care Analysis Consulting contract with Health Data & Management Solutions, Inc. is viewable by the public via https://www.transparency.ms.gov/ .

Question Submission Deadline: February 11, 2025, 5:00 PM CST

Response Issue Date: February 13, 2025