



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 34349-09123  
AMENDMENT # 1  
FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDICATION ADIE  
CERTIFICATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2023

RFA # 34349-09123 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

EVENT	TIME (Central Time)	DATE (all dates are state business days)
1. RFA Issued		CONFIRMED
2. Pre-response Teleconference	10:00 a.m.	CONFIRMED
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
4. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		January 19, 2023
5. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	March 31, 2023
6. Evaluation Notice Released		April 10, 2023
7. Effective Start Date		February 15, 2023

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

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

	QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1	Was the pre-response teleconference recorded?	Yes, please click on the following link: Webex meeting recording: <a href="#">RFA #34349-09123 Teleconference-20230106 1600-1</a>
2	The first page of the application is geared more toward an individual person applying for the grant. Should I just put "To Be Determined" on all the of the employee information? Also, if we are applying for more than one aide per facility should we fill out multiple applications for that facility? I	Please see updated application. The facility may complete the application and seek reimbursement, or the individual may complete. A facility may apply on behalf of more than one applicant within one application.

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noticed that there is not place to state what or how much we are applying for.	
3 I do not see an area for the following reference - The Application contains detailed questions about your organization's background and the specifics of your proposed project. <b>Please provide a project timeline, evaluation plan, and a letter of commitment from participating partners detailing the services they will provide to your organization and their willingness to continue to provide those services</b>	The information is not applicable for this RFA.
4 The application looks to be by individual not the organization. Is this for the Center or CMA to complete.	Please see updated application. The facility may complete the application and seek reimbursement, or the individual may complete. A facility may apply on behalf of more than one applicant within one application.
5 List of Board Members?	The competitive requirements form is required and if the board members question is not applicable then you may write in n/a.
6 In order to submit for reimbursement. Does the CNA need to be certified through the state as a Medication Aide with board passed in order to qualify for reimbursement?	Yes, according to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-127
7 Must a CNA be employed by a LTC facility to receive the funding?	Yes. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-127
8 If yes to question above: If a CNA changes employers and is employed by a different facility than the one originally listed in the application, how would the CNA be reimbursed?	This would have to be arranged between the employer and the CNA/applicant. However, the CNA/applicant would have had practiced continuously as a certified nurse aide or a licensed occupational therapy assistant for at least one (1) year in a nursing home, assisted-care living facility, or a PACE as defined in § 56-2-121
9 For individuals who have been approved for the funding, is there a deadline to complete the course and become certified?	The project start date is February 15, 2023 and will end March 31, 2023 for this Request for Application.
10 There are 50-60 slots available for the grant. How will you prioritize the applicants in the event there are more applicants than available slots?	This grant will be available on a quarterly basis. Additional grants will be considered if all slots have been filled.
11 For an individual who has completed the course and certification and subsequently has received the funding, is there a mandatory amount of time this person must work in a LTC facility as a CMA?	There is no requirement from the state. However, the CNA/applicant would have had practiced continuously as a certified nurse aide or a licensed occupational therapy assistant for at least one (1) year in a nursing home, assisted-care living facility, or a PACE as defined in § 56-2-121 to be eligible for the Medication Aide certificate.
12 If an individual has been approved for the funding but fails to complete the course or pass the certification exam, what will happen	Please see the updated application. The application will need to be completed after the requirements are met. To receive the reimbursement, the applicant would need to meet all requirements for program; successfully completed

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with the funds that were allotted for that individual?	a Medication Aide training program approved by the TN Board of Nursing; and passed standardized certification examination.
13 The application is asking for the program and the date training was completed. How do we answer if the training has not been completed as of yet or started?	Please see updated application. The application will need to be completed <u>after</u> the requirements are met. The facility may complete the application and seek reimbursement, or the individual may complete. A facility may apply on behalf of more than one applicant within one application.
14 Asks for the applicants name, can we apply for a certain number of grants without knowing the applicant that will attend as of yet? And if so how do we complete the application in that way.	No. Please see updated application. The application will need to be completed <u>after</u> the requirements are met.
15 If my facility wants to request 5 grants (for 5 C n A's to be upskilled) is that 5 separate applications or is their way to apply for all 5 on the same application?	Please see updated application. The application will need to be completed <u>after</u> the requirements are met. The facility may complete the application and seek reimbursement, or the individual may complete. A facility may apply on behalf of more than one applicant within one application.
16 After reviewing the Competitive Requirements, it appears as if the grant is only for non-profits. Is the RFA only for non-profit entities or can for-profit entities submit applications as well?	An applicant does not have to be a 501c3 to apply but all applicants must complete and submit the Competitive Requirements. If you are not a 501c3, please check Not appropriate and NA for any questions that do not apply.
17 The application does not include a question related to budget. Should we describe the requested funding the application narrative questions or should this information be submitted in a different format?	This is a reimbursement grant and budget information is not needed.
18 On the application, one of the questions is "Are you currently a "vendor" with the State: _____ Yes or _____ No. If not, please click the link below to register for a Unique Entity ID:..."  We have 22 skilled nursing facility providers in TN that receive Medicaid funds from the State of Tennessee. My question is whether as providers, are we also considered vendors and should answer yes to the question above?	A vendor would have an Edison ID number and already does business with the state of Tennessee.
19 If we already do business with the State of Tennessee, do we still need to fill out the Department of Finance and Administration ACH attachment as part of our application?	No.
20 Do we have to document the counseling time as long as we documented the counseling topics?	This does not pertain to this RFA # 34349-09123
21 The RFA states the project period is November 1, 2022, and will last for 20 months. Is this correct?	No, the start date is February 15, 2023 and will end March 31, 2023 for this Request for Application.

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