



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 34352-05721
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET PRIMARY CARE
FOR UNINSURED ADULT TENNESSEANS AGES
NINETEEN (19) THROUGH SIXTY-FOUR (64) YEARS
OF AGE**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

RFA # 34352-05721 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. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
3. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		September 25, 2020
4. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	October 8, 2020
5. Evaluation Notice Released		October 22, 2020
6. Effective Start Date of Contract		November 1, 2020

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. If we are a current safety net provider, do we need to submit an application to continue services?	This is a funding opportunity for NEW qualifying applicants OR existing currently contracted, Community & Faith-Based Uninsured Adult Health Care Safety-Net Dental Providers pursuing funding for a scope of service expansion to provide primary care services that enhance access to care in the local patient care service area. Existing Uninsured Adult Health Care Safety Net providers currently contracted with the State of Tennessee to provide primary care services do not need to "reapply" through this RFA to continue providing services in FY 21.

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2 Recognizing that established clinics may receive priority, is a clinic scheduled to launch in October, 2020 eligible to apply assuming all eligibility criteria is met?	A qualifying clinic scheduled to open in October 2020 can apply for this funding opportunity, as long as, it is opened and providing care to patients by the proposed date.
3 If the clinic referred to in the previous question is eligible to apply, how should questions asking for historical data in the application be addressed?	Responses to these questions should be based upon future projections. The applicant should provide an addendum to include detailed plans for achieving these projections and include variables such as need, staffing, community support, outreach and others as applicable. The Addendum should be submitted using the <i>Other Document Upload</i> option located on the last page of the application.
4 Can you provide an example to clarify the 2:1 ratio or unduplicated visits?	The intent is to ensure capacity to provide a medical home for the uninsured adult patient. Question 18 provides metrics related to uninsured adult patient volumes in comparison to the total patient volume which provides an indication of service capacity.
5 If the population served by the clinic is not listed in the HRSA shortage area, what data can be provided to support the target population of vulnerable adults in an underserved area? ie. Is mapping data and the use of the CDC's vulnerability index sufficient to substantiate the clinic's target population as vulnerable residents in a local underserved area?	Yes, mapping data and CDC vulnerability index and other creditable and reliable sources of information are acceptable, as long as, the applicant references the source of the data.
6 Would it be possible to get a PDF of both the primary care application and the dental application? When you click the links, it takes you directly to the Survey Monkey form, and it's difficult to prepare our answers in advance when we can only see a portion of the application at a time.	Click on the <i>Save and Continue Later</i> drop down menu at the top right corner of the application screen and key in your e-mail address to receive a pdf version of the application to use as a reference. Please be advised that only the electronic application completed on-line will be accepted.
7 Our organization is a not-for-profit charitable clinic providing medical and dental services to uninsured patients in an ambulatory setting and on a sliding fee scale. We provide services using a medical home model: We are accredited by The Joint Commission as a Primary Care Medical Home, and all our locations have achieved NCQA recognition Patient-Centered Medical Home. We would not be excluded by any of the "Ineligible Criteria" as outlined in Section I.C. because we are not a long-term care facility, we are in an underserved area, and we provide primary care services to uninsured adults in Tennessee age 19-64. Thus, we believe we satisfy the conditions as written in the RFA to submit a responsive proposal. We seek to confirm that our status as a federally qualified health center (FQHC) does not disqualify us.	FQHC Community Health Center Primary Care Clinic Organizations and corresponding clinic sites, do not have to apply for this funding opportunity and should be currently contracted with the State of Tennessee to provide primary care services to uninsured adults. However, an FQHC may apply for the Uninsured Adult Health Care Safety-Net Emergency Dental and Oral Health Care funding opportunity. If you are a clinic site or satellite location, check with your affiliated Health Center to confirm that the FQHC has a current Uninsured Adult Health Care Safety-Net contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Health.

3. **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.