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DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS
Policy Unit

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TITLE: MEDICAID ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT

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Introduction and purpose of the RFI

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is posting this request for information in order to determine the overall interest and ability of individuals and/or organizations to redesign the adult dental benefit under the Vermont Medicaid program. The goal of the program redesign is to maximize the Medicaid adult dental benefit under the currently allocated budget to better accomplish our aim of improved care and overall health for our members.

The same information will be gathered from different individuals and/or organizations and will be used to evaluate next steps for the State.

Scope

The scope of the redesign includes rates, covered services, service delivery, administration and approved provider types as allowable under current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations and/or allowable under Medicaid waiver. The redesign should also consider best use of dental services under the General Assistance (GA) Program and the Dental Dozen initiatives. As stated above, redesign efforts should focus on maximizing existing financial resources and not assume additional funding.

General information regarding the above can be found in the following locations:

- Medicaid rules: <http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/dvha/medicaid-covered-services/view>
- Medicaid dental rates/fee schedule, Dental Dozen, GA: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/dental>
- Medicaid State Plan: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>
- DVHA budget book: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/budget-legislative/dvha-sfy15-budget-document-v2.pdf>
- Medicaid Waivers: <http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/waivers/waivers.html>

Questions

- 1) What are the key functions that could be included in a re-design and what are the strategies that can be used to increase the value of the benefit from a beneficiary, payer and provider perspective?
- 2) What are the key functions that would be included if a third party administrator was used?
- 3) What are the required analyses that would need to be conducted to help shape the design of a new benefit?

- 4) What state resources would be needed to support these analyses?
- 5) What are the key administrative, rate setting, cost sharing, actuarial value, network (enrollment and maintenance), payments to providers, and encounter claims data submissions that would need to be considered?
- 6) What is the estimated cost, staffing need, and timeline required for a benefit redesign analysis and/or RFP parameters required for a third party administrator?

Abbreviation and terminology

<http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/dental>

RFI procedure

To answer this RFI please email your response to the contact listed below in PDF format.

Contact person listed below is available for assistance in case that is needed.

The answers to this RFI will be evaluated by staff from different offices within the State of Vermont

Contacts

For questions regarding this RFI, you are welcome to contact:

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Timeframe

This is the timeframe for the RFI and an eventual coming project

11/14/2014 – The RFI is sent out

11/21/2014 – Last date for questions

11/28/2014 – Last date for submission of answer

12/05/2014 – State's decision on next steps for program