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CountyCare Buying Plan

CountyCare is a provider-led and mission-driven Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) owned by Cook County Health. CountyCare's Buying Plan provides transparency and visibility to the vendor and provider services that CountyCare would like to procure or purchase in the coming year.

About the Buying Plan

As a Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) owned by Cook County Health, CountyCare is committed to an open and transparent procurement method to promote equitable vendor and provider participation. By embracing a more transparent and visible procurement process, vendors, particularly small and minority/women owned businesses, have greater opportunities to obtain information and resources. All Cook County Health vendor contracts are subject to the [Cook County Procurement Code](#) to improve the efficiency, enhance procurement process transparency, facilitate the implementation of best practices, maximize value, and facilitate participation by BEP and MBE/WBE certified firms.

Business Enterprise Program and Cook County Certification Resources

CountyCare is committed to investing in diverse minority and women-owned providers and vendors.

The Business Enterprise Program (BEP) is a State of Illinois program for businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to foster an inclusive and competitive business environment that will help business enterprises increase their capacity, grow revenue, and enhance their credentials. The Business Enterprise Program is managed by the [Illinois Department of Central Management Services \(CMS\)](#).

Business Enterprise Program Quick Links:

- ✓ [Information about the Business Enterprise Program \(BEP\)](#)
- ✓ [BEP Certification Overview](#)

The Cook County Certification is a County program that assists businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, service disabled veterans, and people with disabilities to receive priority investment from Cook County and those contracted with the County. The Cook County certification is managed by the County Office of Contract Compliance (OCC).

Cook County Certification Quick Links:

- ✓ [Information about attaining the Cook County Certification for minority-, women-, veteran-, or persons with disabilities-owned businesses](#)
- ✓ [Cook County Certification application](#)

- ✓ Additionally, vendors can visit the “[Doing business with Cook County Health](#)” website and follow the prompts to register their company and receive updates about opportunities to submit request for proposals (RFPs)

2024 UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS FOR COUNTYCARE			
Contract Category	Department	Project Description	Anticipated Advertised Date
Comprehensive Housing Services and Support	Clinical	CountyCare is seeking to identify competitive qualified proposers to provide supportive comprehensive housing services to CountyCare members including but not limited to eviction prevention, housing support, supportive housing wrap-around services, and housing development.	<i>Q1 2024</i>
Telehealth	Network	CountyCare is interested in partnering with a qualified partner(s) to provide a comprehensive telehealth solution.	<i>Q1 2024</i>
Population Health	Clinical Services	CountyCare is interested in partnering with an entity that can provide unique and innovative services to address the health needs of our membership with a population-based approach.	<i>Q1-Q2 2024</i>

The Business Enterprise Program and Provider Contracting

CountyCare Network providers that meet the [program criteria](#) can qualify for the Business Enterprise Program. CountyCare also continues to contract with providers for all Medicaid covered services, including, but not limited to the provider categories listed below:

Transportation	Durable medical equipment
Pharmacy	Specialty and primary care
Lab services	Dentistry
Home health care	Adult day services

If you would like to become a CountyCare contracted provider, please visit our website www.countycare.com/providers/ and complete the [Contract Request Form](#). The form can be emailed to us at CountyCareContracting@cookcountyhhs.org.

After your form has been submitted, a CountyCare representative will reach out to you.