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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)

2022 UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS FOR COUNTYCARE			
Contract Category	Department	Project Description	Anticipated Advertised Date
Pharmacy Benefits Manager	Clinical/Finance	CountyCare is interested in partnering with a qualified entity to provide pharmacy benefits management services, including general programs, pharmacy communication programs, member programs and assistance, communication regarding pharmacy benefits, communication to pharmacy network, and point of sale messaging to the pharmacy network.	<i>Q2 2022</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>Q3 2022</i>
Provider Network Management and Provider Data Management	Network	CountyCare is interested in partnering with a qualified partner(s) to provide technology platforms to support provider data and network management across the domains of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider Contract Management • Provider Credentialing 	<i>Q3 2022</i>
Member Nutrition	Clinical Services	Cook County Health is an advocate for “Food as Medicine” as one of many approaches to addressing the social determinants of health. CountyCare is interested in a vendor that can provide unique and innovative services to address our member’s nutritional needs including but not limited to food insecurity, food insufficiency, and nutrition insecurity.	<i>Q3 2022</i>
Member Text Messaging	Operations	CountyCare is interested in partnering with innovative companies to provide text message outreach, members engagement by using data driven tailoring of the population to CCH members.	<i>Q4 2022</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.