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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 owned by Cook County Health, CountyCare is committed to an open and transparent procurement methods 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 becoming BEP certified on the CMS website](#)
- ✓ [BEP frequently asked questions](#)
- ✓ [BEP Certification Checklist](#)

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 in 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](#) on the OCC website
- ✓ [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)

OPEN OPPORTUNITIES WITH COUNTYCARE
CountyCare’s current third-party administer recently issued a RFI for select services targeted for minority business suppliers. RFI and intent to bid can be requested by emailing averithomasmoore@rgma.com .

2021 UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS FOR COUNTYCARE			
Contract Category	Department	Project Description	Anticipated Advertised Date
Nutritious meals (home-delivered and other options)	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 nutritious and/or medically-tailored meals to individuals with either barriers to using other nutrition resources and/or special health needs, including pregnancy.	<i>Request for proposals to be posted 2021 3rd quarter (July-September)</i>
Member engagement	Clinical Services	CountyCare is required by its state contract to complete health risk screenings with every new member within 60 days of CountyCare enrollment. For both new and established members, CountyCare has the need to make meaningful contact and connect with members in a wide variety of ways. CountyCare will be partnering with an organization that can do effective outreach to and support inbound responses from CountyCare members to complete health risk screenings and ensure other contacts. The partner will offer varied contact strategies and leverage varied sources of contact information, integrating with or working within CountyCare’s care management software.	<i>2021 3rd quarter (July - September)</i>
End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)	Clinical Services/Finance	CountyCare is interested in partnering with an entity that specializes in the value-based models for health plan enrollees who have Chronic Kidney Disease and End-Stage Renal Disease. CountyCare will prioritize vendors who propose	<i>2021 2nd quarter (April-June)</i>

		innovative models involving providers/care teams, members, programmatic and financial interventions to gain improved outcomes for this population.	
Third Party Administrator	Operations	CountyCare partners with a third-party administrator to support its back office functions, including member eligibility, claims, provider relations, utilization management, call center, grievances, appeals, and encounters.	<i>2021 3rd or 4th quarter</i>
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>2021 3rd quarter (July-September)</i>
Actuarial Services	Finance	CountyCare is interested in partnering with a qualified entity to provide actuarial services.	<i>2021 4th quarter (October-December)</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.