



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF  
**MEDICAID**

## **Request for Applications (RFA)**

### **Medical Director/Physician Consultant**

The Division of Medicaid in the Office of the Governor (DOM) is seeking a contractor to serve as the Medical Director for the agency. The term of the contract shall be one (1) year (November 12, 2018 – November 11, 2019) with four (4) optional renewals. The rate of pay shall be \$120 an hour (not including travel) not to exceed 2000 hours annually. The Medical Director will report directly to the DOM Executive Director.

### **Scope of Services:**

- Work with and advise the Executive Director on strategic policy initiatives;
- Provide current medical expertise and direction for clinical policies, procedures and functions;
- Participate in the development, surveillance and promotion of health care quality initiatives, including the Managed Care Quality Strategy;
- Support DOM in development of payment reform initiatives, including quality based incentives related to the Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP), and a value based payment (VBP) initiative that will promote cost effectiveness in terms of the delivery of better care, improved beneficiary outcomes, and a reduced trend in program costs;
- Support DOM as requested with readiness reviews and other reviews of DOM contractors;
- Establish and maintain relationships with provider groups and other key stakeholders;
- Provide physician-level consultation to the Director of Pharmacy as needed and attend all Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and Drug Utilization Review Board meetings;
- Serve as the primary DOM executive sponsor of the Medical Care Advisory Committee and attend all Medical Care Advisory Committee meetings;
- Engage in statewide collaborations with clinical and non-clinical staff in other state agencies including the Departments of Health, Mental Health, Human Services, Child Protection Services, and Rehabilitation Services;
- Represent DOM at provider group meetings on behalf of DOM;
- Chair DOM's Chief Medical Officer round table between DOM and managed care organizations;
- Assist DOM in building internal capabilities of clinical operations and in identifying

- talent for future leadership roles;
- Work with FQHCs/RHCs to increase utilization of mental health services in those settings;
- Assist with Requests for Coverage (RFCs);
- Consult on review of Substance Use Disorder services;
- Assist with setting benchmarks for the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures;
- Assist with determinations for appeals and review CCO appeals-related issues;
- Review current assessments and algorithms used for level of care determination for waivers and nursing facilities; and
- Assist DOM with other duties and responsibilities which require the expertise of the Contractor as agreed upon by Contractor and DOM.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Medical degree (MD or DO) issued by a college or university certified by a professional medical organization.
- Licensed to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi. Licensure must be unrestricted.
- Board certification in a recognized specialty.
- Minimum of five years high-level administrative experience as a medical officer, preferably in large multi-specialty practice or health system and/or a managed care organization.
- Minimum of five years of clinical practice experience caring for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- \*Must not be a current Medicaid provider.

\*Successful applicant must comply with *Miss. Code Ann., Title 25, Chapter 4, Article 3, Conflict of Interest; Improper Use of Office.*

### **Preferred Qualifications/Experience (the following are desired and may be given additional consideration but not are required):**

- Board certification in primary care specialty (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology).
- Strong interest in health policy and population health.
- Strong collaboration and consensus building skills.
- Seen as an authoritative figure in all areas of Medicaid/Medicare policy.
- Experience developing clinical and purchasing strategies directed at improving access and quality, while controlling the cost of care.
- Strong grasp of nationally significant multistate measurements, and knowledge of emerging clinical issues.

### **Other:**

DOM will provide space at its central office at the Walter Sillers Building, 550 High Street, Suite 1000, Jackson, MS 39201. The contractor will be expected to spend part of the time at the DOM central office. While the contractor is not required to spend any specific amount of time in this State-provided space, because of the need to both observe aspects of DOM, as well as to work with DOM staff and possibly other DOM personnel, it is expected that working from State-provided space will enhance the contractor's ability to successfully perform contract requirements.

### **Application Information:**

DOM will accept applications until 5:00 p.m., September 14, 2018, for the purpose of hiring a contract worker. Applications can be found online at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/resources/procurement>. Applications can be submitted to Brittney Thompson via electronic mail to [Brittney.Thompson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Brittney.Thompson@medicaid.ms.gov) or by hand to 550 High Street, Suite 1000 Jackson, MS 39201 (10th floor). For more information please contact Brittney Thompson by email or phone 601-359-3688.