



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF  
**MEDICAID**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD  
HEALTHIER MS WAIVER – INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR**

*As identified in Executive Order 1362 (July 31, 2015), each agency awarding, renewing, or amending any professional or personal services contract reported online pursuant to the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008 must also submit by online report an analysis describing the reasons for awarding, renewing, or amending the contract.*

Please select appropriate action:

- Awarding       Renewing       Amending

**ANALYSIS DESCRIBING AWARD, RENEWAL OR AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT**

*(Include nature, duration and amount):*

Vendor Name:	Mississippi State University, NSPARC
Vendor Address:	P.O. Box 6156, Mississippi State, MS 39762
Initial Period of Performance:	September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2028
Contract Total Value Not to Exceed:	\$100,800.00

DOM conducted a Request for Information to five (5) entities, of which four (4) responded, to obtain a market research analysis on the costs associated with providing these services for a five (5) year period. DOM contracted directly with Mississippi State University, NSPARC pursuant to Public Purchasing Review Board (PPRB) OPSCR Rules and Regulations Section 3-102.04, Procuring Services Offered by Governmental Entities Not Under Purview of the PPRB. DOM determined that the services were below fair market value and provided its determination to PPRB. A contract between governmental entities requires Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB) approval.

NSPARC center has 15 years of experience as an independent evaluator. NSPARC has the expertise, data analysis, research, and program evaluations that will aid DOM in meeting CMS requirements for the Section 1115 Demonstration waiver which is statutorily required in accordance with 42 CFR § 431.424. Requirements will focus on measurable goals and quantifiable hypotheses to determine the success of the demonstration in meeting its objectives; and therefore, meets the agency’s need to these services.

Per the terms of the contract, DOM contracted with MSU/NSPARC from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2028, with one (1) year optional renewal. The total contract award amount is not to exceed \$100,800.00.

Kayla J. McKnight  
Chief Procurement Officer

8/9/2024  
Date

*The contract is available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer. Please contact [rfi@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:rfi@medicaid.ms.gov) to obtain a copy. Contracts may also be obtained via the MS Transparency website: [www.transparency.ms.gov](http://www.transparency.ms.gov).*