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From: Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Office of Procurement

Date: April 29, 2026

Re: Request for Applications (RFA) – Program Coordinator
RFx # 3150006722
Public Notice of Intent to Award

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) issued a Request for Applications (RFA) to establish a contract with a qualified applicant for the position of Program Coordinator in support of the Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Access Model. This position serves a critical role in implementing, managing, and operationalizing the CGT Access Model, including responsibilities related to access, reimbursement, patient and caregiver coordination, and data reporting to ensure optimal outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The submission deadline to receive applications, resumes, references, and required documentation was March 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. CST. All submissions were required to be submitted via DOM's Procurement email address, Procurement@medicaid.ms.gov. A total of 110 applicants applied via the Indeed platform and the **required** DOM Procurement email account.

While 50 applicants adhered to the submission guidelines via the designated Procurement email address above, several submissions were incomplete or improperly submitted. Procurement staff reviewed all 50 submissions to determine responsiveness and responsibility in accordance with the requirements set forth in the RFA.

Of the 50 submissions received properly via Procurement@medicaid.ms.gov, 35 applicants met the minimum qualifications and were evaluated and scored.

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| 1. Prater, Rhea | 10. Bridges, Daphne |
| 2. Finley, Amber | 11. Griffin, Kierston |
| 3. Biggs-Rhyme, Crystal | 12. Jones, Stephanie |
| 4. Griffin, Ilexis | 13. Garvis, Amanda |
| 5. Miller, April | 14. Courtney, Erika |
| 6. Dyson, Dasia | 15. Carson, Kyra |
| 7. Bates, Demetra | 16. Rush, La'Chelle |
| 8. Manning, Ebony | 17. Williams, LaShunda |
| 9. Funches, Gaarmel | 18. Bullock, Tarkeshha |

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| 19. Funches, Erinn | 28. Hunt, Briana |
| 20. Robertson, Jewel | 29. Redd, Corey |
| 21. Flanigan, Kelsey | 30. McLaurin, Javanna |
| 22. Jones, Antranekia | 31. Thaggard, Zakiya |
| 23. Hawthorne, Brianna | 32. Edwards, Alberta |
| 24. Dixon, LaToria | 33. Stewart, Erric |
| 25. Aubert, Neeva | 34. White, T'ea |
| 26. Molphus, T'Shiba | 35. Terrell, Patrick |
| 27. James, Aironese | |

The remaining 15 applicants were deemed non-responsive or non-responsible due to failure to meet minimum qualifications and/or failure to submit required documentation.

Non-Responsible

1. Purnell, Crystal
2. Thomas, Crystal
3. Shaw, Lauren Jessica

Non-Responsive

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| 4. Ashley, Laura | 10. Walker, Annita |
| 5. Mitchell, Skyla | 11. Fletcher, Tina |
| 6. Bridgewater, Lorenzo | 12. Gates, Veronica |
| 7. Davis, Kaylar | 13. Holder, Anitra |
| 8. Lowe, Dymesha | 14. Porter, Shaniqua |
| 9. Moore, Aleisha | 15. Woods, Tamara |

In addition to mandatory postings in the newspaper, the Agency's website and the MS Procurement Portal, DOM published the RFA on LinkedIn and Indeed to maximize outreach. While the RFA mandated that all submissions be sent directly to the DOM Procurement email account, several applicants submitted documentation solely through the Indeed platform. All applicants (which included several from above) were contacted and instructed on the required submission procedures.

The following 60 applicants failed to resubmit their information in accordance with RFA requirements and were deemed non-responsive:

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| 1. Anderson-Belton, Matricia | 7. Chaudhary, Nikhil |
| 2. Banks, Karla | 8. Cleveland, Kamyski |
| 3. Briggs, Catina | 9. Coleman, Dequita |
| 4. Brown, Faris | 10. Davis, Jamika |
| 5. Brown, Tasha | 11. Denson, Ashley |
| 6. Carson, Dionne | 12. Dozier, Chaney |

13. Franks, Tammy
14. Furtado, Brittany
15. Gaines, Stacey
16. Gonzalez, Ikirra
17. Jain, Disha
18. Jimmerson, Christin
19. Johnson, Jessie
20. Johnson, Terry
21. Jones, Jasmine
22. Judie, Kenneth
23. Kelly, Gabriel
24. Lawrence, Martisha
25. Lee, Brittany
26. Lofton, Candace
27. Mallet, Shaquita
28. Malone, LaTonya
29. McAfee-Williams, Samantha
30. Miller, LeTasha
31. Moore, Shirley Ann
32. Morell, William
33. Odom, LaRhonda
34. Patterson, Ida
35. Patterson, Shalonda
36. Patton, Jacqueline
37. Powell, Deonna
38. Reed, Kenessha
39. Roach, Nina
40. Robinson, Lareisha
41. Rogers, Alliyah
42. Sanders, Ebony
43. Sanders, Etta
44. Sanford, B. P'Shawn
45. Saucer-Jones, Chastity
46. Smith, Amerial
47. Smith, Ednesha
48. Snyder, Crystal
49. Stewart, Hiawatha
50. Stewart, Riazeil
51. Stringer, Felisha
52. Thigpen, Courtney
53. Toins, Jabari
54. Travis, Rachel
55. Vallery, Johnnesha
56. Vaughan, Ashleigh
57. Wallace, Angelia
58. Washington, Ashley
59. Washington, Mitchell
60. White, Latimoris

Interview Process:

The top three (3) highest-scoring applicants, Amber Finley, Crystal Biggs-Rhyme and Rhea Prater, were selected for an interview, which was conducted on April 1, 2026. Following an evaluation of their applications, resumes, references, and interview scores, DOM has determined the most qualified applicant.

Recommendation:

Based on the evaluation process and findings, DOM intends to award the contract to **Amber Finley**.

Ms. Finley possesses a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences and has over seven (7) years of experience in healthcare administration and patient-centered care. She has demonstrated knowledge of managed care operations through her experience with Centene and has worked collaboratively with stakeholders to support healthcare initiatives. Additionally, her current role as a telehealth coordinator reflects strong technical proficiency and a commitment to improving patient access and outcomes. Her

combined experience and qualifications position her as a strong candidate to support the CGT Access Model.

DOM intends to submit the contract to the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB), Office of Personal Service Contract Review (OPSCR) by Wednesday, May 6, 2026, for consideration of approval at the June 3, 2026, Board meeting.

Any person wishing to inspect the contract may request the opportunity to do so through the Agency's public records request process via public.records@medicaid.ms.gov.

Contracts may also be obtained via the MS Transparency website:

www.transparency.ms.gov.