

Hello,

My name is Amy Upham and I am the Opioid Response Coordinator with Buncombe County Health and Human Services. We are exploring what options may exist for us to provide Buprenorphine for those within our Post-Overdose Response program Safer Together from March 2020-December 2022. We are only seeking providers who have recent experience with providing this service or services that are functionally similar. We are hoping to contract with more than one provider for this service. Our minimum need is for providers that can prescribe Buprenorphine for 25 individuals at a time in 6 month intervals. Our service will only cover the cost of medication.

We would greatly appreciate it if you or an authorized representative of your agency could respond to the following questions:

- 1) Does your organization have recent experience providing Medication Assisted Treatment?
- 2) If your answer to question 1 is yes: Does your organization have interest in providing this service in partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services? (If yes, please feel free to include any relevant information that demonstrates your experience in providing this or similar services. Please include specific therapies offered.)
- 3) If your answer to question 2 is yes:
 - a. Does your organization currently have the capacity to fulfill the level of service we are seeking? (If yes, please include any relevant information that demonstrates your capacity to provide this service, including any restrictions on eligibility)
 - b. What would your proposed rate of payment be in order to provide medication at no cost to our Safer Together participants, knowing that many may be uninsured?
- 4) If your answer to question 3 is yes, will you be able to continue these individuals on MAT at low or no cost after the initial 6 month period of their care?
- 5) Is your agency able to prescribe Buprenorphine as induction **AND** continuation, regardless of an individual's prior MAT and/or services status? If no, please explain how you will ensure care for those who are ineligible for service?
- 6) Which pharmacy or supplier do you currently purchase Buprenorphine from and/or refer patients to? How do you currently handle new or established patients' medications being delayed due to supply shortages?

Please reply by 3:00pm, January 31, 2020 in order to be considered as a potential partner for this service. Submittals should be emailed to Amy Upham at amy.upham@buncombecounty.org .

Buncombe County reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers at any time if such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the County

Note: This and subsequent correspondence will be treated as informal bidding under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 45, Subtitle A, Subchapter A, Part 75.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Programs that may be applicable to the provision of this service:

CFDA #16.838 (Categories 1 and 2) and CFDA #16.754 (Category 3)