

Health Research Inc. and the New York State Department of Health

Request for Bids for Implementation of Evidence-Based Interventions to Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening among Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Clinic Patients

Anticipated Contract Period: January 1, 2024 – June 29, 2025

Question and Answer Document

Q1: We have a question regarding eligibility as it relates to the following condition: “FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers) awarded contracts under previous bids and currently participating in this project are not eligible to apply”.

Ryan Health is an FQHC, and in the past our sub-recipient site, Ryan Chelsea-Clinton was awarded two separate contracts for “Increasing Cancer Screening” with Health Research, Inc./New York State Department of Health. One contract ended June 29, 2020 and the other ended June 29, 2022.

Therefore, we believe we are eligible to bid for the current opportunity for bids due November 16, 2023 as we are not currently participating in a project.

Please advise if Ryan Health is eligible to bid on the current opportunity.

A1. In this case, the entity (Ryan Health) is not a currently participating FQHC in the Colorectal Cancer Screening in FQHCs initiative and therefore is eligible to apply for this bid solicitation. FQHCs that currently have clinics funded by Health Research, Inc./New York State Department of Health and are participating in cohorts one, two, and three of the initiative are not eligible to apply. This bid solicitation will fund a new, fourth cohort.

Q2: Does a contract awarded to a sub-recipient site by the FQHC have any bearing on the question of eligibility.

A2: The Health Research, Inc. contracts resulting from these bid solicitations are awarded to the FQHC and not to the FQHC participating clinic site. Awards for this fourth cohort will not be made to FQHCs participating in cohorts one, two, or three of the current initiative.