



The Board of Governors of Missouri State University  
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## AMENDMENT ONE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 8265-29

February 19, 2024

### PPO Network Access

**Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027**

**Four Optional One-Year Renewals**

RFP Amendment One addresses Questions submitted by potential contractors, along with the Responses provided by the University. See page two (2) of this amendment. All else remains unchanged. Proposals remain due at the time and date shown

The contractor must acknowledge receipt of, and compliance with, this amendment by signing and returning the amendment as part of the contractor's proposal.

**Date and Time Returnable: 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024**

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By signing below and submitting a response to this RFP, Contractor agrees to furnish items and/or services pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained in this RFP, upon either the receipt of an authorized purchase order from Missouri State University, or receipt of a countersigned copy of the RFP.

Either occurrence shall be agreed by the parties as forming a binding contract pursuant to the terms of the RFP set forth herein. Contractor agrees that, subject to the terms of this RFP, any exceptions to the RFP, or other changes could disqualify the Contractor from consideration in University's final award.

Contractor Company Name		Date	
Mailing Address		Telephone	
City	State	Zip Code	Facsimile
Contact Person(s)		E-Mail(s)	
Printed Name	Authorized Signature		Title
<b>For University Use Only:</b>		<b>Contract Number:</b>	
Accepted by the Missouri State University as Follows: In its entirety.			
Printed Name and Title	Authorized Signature		Date
Michael Wills, Director of Procurement Services			

1. Att #3, Provider Disruption Tab, please define: Core, Independent and Tertiary.
  - **Core- Hospital and Physicians are owned/employed by the Network.**
  - **Independent- Network holds a contract with a physician or facility or with a Physician/Hospital Organization (PHO).**
  - **Tertiary- Provider services are located outside of Southwest Missouri, Northwest Arkansas, Eastern Kansas**

**Note: if a provider is both Core and Tertiary, please indicate both.**

2. Can you please provide a complete census of enrolled lives with demographic information to include their home address/zip?

**A census will be provided to each potential contractor under separate cover.**

3. 3: Scope of service, section 6: Accessibility Standards and Compliance (pg 10) – 6.1 & 6.2): Can you please clarify how this would be applicable to a PPO Network Access proposal?

**A portal or software as part of the service would require disability access for any user needing assistive technology. All contractors providing work to the University should be compliant.**

4. 3: Scope of service, section 7: Additional Information Technology Requirements if Information Communication Technology is Required for Fulfillment of the Service (pg 11) – 7.1 & 7.2: Can you please clarify how this would be applicable to a PPO Network Access proposal?

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5. Attachment #3 Med Pay Worksheets, Medical Specialty Tab: Please define which counties should be included in “immediate surrounding areas”.

- **Southwest Missouri: Greene, Christian, Stone, Taney, Dade, Lawrence, Barry, Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Cedar, Polk, Dallas, Laclede, Camden, Webster, Pulaski, Phelps, Crawford, Dent, Texas, Wright, Douglas Ozark, Howell, Shannon, Oregon.**

- **Northwest Arkansas: Benton, Carroll, Boone, Marion, Baxter, Fulton**

- **Eastern Kansas: Cherokee, Crawford, Bourbon, Linn, Labette**

6. Is there federal funding involved in this work?

- a. To the extent there is federal funding, can you please provide the applicable federal contract and/or federal grant number?
- b. To the extent there is no federal funding, what is the statutory or regulatory basis for the requirements for the contractor to participate in E-Verify and comply with OFCCP requirements (pg. 27-29 of the RFP)?

Section 17.1 under the general terms and conditions of the RFP (pg. 28) provides that if the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 people, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action plan (AAP). It is our understanding that the current contractor for MSU's PPO services does not maintain an AAP. Further, as a general matter, hospitals and other healthcare providers are not subject to OFCCP requirements even if they are a participating provider under Medicare and Medicaid (absent other applicable federal contracts).

**Given the University's position as a federal contractor, requirements have been applied to all third-party contractors, regardless of the funding source.**