



North Los Angeles County Regional Center

Summer/Fall 2024 Request for Vendorization (RFV)

PROJECT #1: Speech-Language Pathologist (707)

RELEASE DATE: August 19, 2024

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: September 29, 2024, 11:59 p.m. (PDT)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) is releasing this Request for Vendorization (RFV) to seek qualified and experienced Speech-Language Pathologists to support individuals who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability, as well as a language delay or disorder warranting speech therapy services. The majority of referrals will be children under the age of three; therefore, pediatric experience is highly preferred. All Speech-Language Pathologists must meet regulatory requirements for vendorization under Service Code 707, Speech Language Pathology (Title 17 § 54342(a)(75)). Speech pathology services will be delivered in the home of the individual being served. Reimbursement for mileage is not included.

INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

This service will be provided to individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability, who also demonstrate communication deficits that may be improved through participation in speech therapy, as indicated by assessment.

LOCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIFIC

NLACRC is seeking Speech-Language Pathologists to serve individuals within the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, and/or Santa Clarita Valley. In addition to English, services should be provided/offered in at least 1-3 other languages.

American Sign Language (ASL)	Khmer
Arabic	Korean
Armenian	Persian (Farsi)
Chinese – Cantonese	ProTactile
Chinese – Hakka	Russian
Chinese – Mandarin	Spanish or Spanish Creole
Chinese- Other	Tagalog
Hebrew	Vietnamese
Hindi	Other
Japanese	

PROPOSED MODELS OF SERVICE

Speech therapy services will be delivered at a 1:1 therapist-to-participant ratio in the home of the individual being served. NLACRC requires that the proposal include a description of the services to be provided to assess and teach communication skills in all modalities, including receptive and expressive language.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

All applicants must meet regulatory requirement for vendorization under Service Code 707, Speech-Language Pathology. Title 17 § 54342(a)(75) states:

“A regional center shall classify a vendor as a provider of speech pathology services if the vendor is:



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(A) A speech pathologist who is validly licensed as a speech pathologist by the Speech Pathology and Audiology Examining Committee of the Medical Board of California and provides

1. Diagnostic screening and
2. Preventative and corrective therapy for persons with speech or language disorders.”

In addition to Title 17 requirements, it is highly preferred that applicants have pediatric experience and a desire to provide services to young children, as the majority of individuals referred will be under the age of three.

RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

This service is funded at a Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) rate, as established by Medi-Cal.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The policy of NLACRC is to assure that needed speech, language, and other communication services are provided when the following conditions exist:

- There is reasonable expectation, based on medical, psychological, audiological, and speech and language assessments, that intervention is clinically indicated and will result in improved communication for the consumer; and
- The consumer and/or primary caregiver are motivated to participate in the implementation of an ongoing communication plan.

CLOSING DATE

September 30, 2024, 11:59 p.m. (PDT)