

Summer/Fall 2024 Request for Vendorization (RFV)

PROJECT #2: Occupational Therapist (773)

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 Occupational Therapists to support individuals who have been diagnosed with a developmental delay or disability that manifests in delay or impairment of motor function warranting occupational therapy services. The majority of referrals will be children under the age of three; therefore, pediatric experience is highly preferred. All Occupational Therapists must meet regulatory requirements for vendorization under Service Code 773, Occupational Therapy (Title 17 § 54342 (a)(53)). Occupational therapy 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 with a developmental delay, those diagnosed with a developmental disability, and those at risk for a developmental disability with deficits in function that may be improved through participation in occupational therapy as indicated by assessment.

LOCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIFIC

NLACRC is seeking Occupational Therapists 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

Occupational 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 and treatment modalities to be utilized.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

All applicants must meet regulatory requirements for vendorization under Service Code 773, Occupational Therapy. Title $17 \$ 54342 (a)(53) states:



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"A regional center shall classify a vendor as a provider of occupational therapy if the vendor is:

(A) An occupational therapist validly licensed by the California Board of Occupational Therapy and who, based on the written prescription of a physician, dentist or podiatrist, provides occupational therapy evaluation, treatment planning, treatment, instruction and consultative services."

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 the Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) rate, as established by Medi-Cal.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The policy of NLACRC is to assure that needed occupational therapy services are provided when the following conditions exist:

- Occupational therapy services are prescribed by a physician.
- Significant deficits exist in cognitive, sensory, motor and self-help skills.
- Occupational therapy is both necessary and likely to produce measurable improvements in the individual's capabilities, or to prevent deterioration of function or health.

CLOSING DATE

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