



# North Los Angeles County Regional Center

## Summer/Fall 2024 Request for Vendorization (RFV)

**PROJECT #6:** Behavior Management Services (612, 615, & 616)

**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 behavior service providers to assess, design, and implement behavior modification plans in an effort to produce socially significant improvements in the individual behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of identified aberrant behavior. This combination of services including Behavior Analyst (612), Behavior Management Assistant (615), and Behavior Management Technician-Paraprofessional (616) will be delivered simultaneously to enable individuals to continue to live safe, productive lives in the home of the individual being served and in the community.

### INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

This service will be provided to individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability, who also are in need of behavior modification intervention services, as indicated by assessment. Services will be for individuals age 3 and older.

### LOCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIFIC

NLACRC is seeking Behavior Management Service providers 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	Pashto
Chinese – Cantonese	Persian (Farsi)
Chinese – Hakka	ProTactile
Chinese – Mandarin	Russian
Chinese – Other	Spanish or Spanish Creole
Hebrew	Tagalog
Hindi	Vietnamese
Japanese	Other

### PROPOSED MODELS OF SERVICE

Behavior Management services will be delivered at a 1:1 therapist-to-participant ratio in the home of the individual being served.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

All applicants must meet regulatory requirement for vendorization under Service Codes Behavior Analyst (612), Behavior Management Assistant (615), and Behavior Management Technician (616).

Title 17 § 54342(a)(11) states:



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Behavior Analyst - Service Code 612. Behavior Analyst means an individual who assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior. Behavior Analysts engage in functional assessments or functional analyses to identify environmental factors of which behavior is a function. A Behavior Analyst shall not practice psychology, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 2903. A regional center shall classify a vendor as a Behavior Analyst if an individual is recognized by the national Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Title 17 § 54342(a)(12) states:

Behavior Management Assistant - Service Code 615. A regional center shall classify a vendor as a behavior management assistant if the vendor designs and/or implements behavior modification intervention services under the direct supervision of a behavior management consultant; or if the vendor assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior, under direct supervision of a Behavior Analyst or Behavior Management Consultant, and meets either of the following requirements:

- (A) Possesses a Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree and has either:
  - 1. Twelve semester units in applied behavior analysis and one year of experience in designing and/or implementing behavior modification intervention services; or
  - 2. Two years of experience in designing and/or implementing behavior modification intervention services.
- (B) Is registered as either:
  - 1. A psychological assistant of a psychologist by the Medical Board of California or Psychology Examining Board; or
  - 2. An Associate Licensed Clinical Social Worker pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.18.

Title 17 § 54342(b) states:

Behavior Management Technician (Paraprofessional) - Service Code 616. A regional center may vendor a group practice, vendored pursuant to Section 54319(d), for the above service. The Behavior Management Technician (Paraprofessional) shall practice under the direct supervision of a certified Behavior Analyst or a Behavior Management Consultant who is within the same vendored group practice. The Behavior Management Technician (Paraprofessional) implements instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior. The Behavior Management Technician (Paraprofessional) shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Has a High School Diploma or the equivalent, has completed 30 hours of competency-based training designed by a certified behavior analyst, and has six months experience working with persons with developmental disabilities; or
- (2) Possesses an Associate's Degree in either a human, social, or educational services discipline, or a degree or certification related to behavior management, from an accredited community college or educational institution, and has six months experience working with persons with developmental disabilities.

#### **RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT**

These services are funded at a Statewide Median Rate.



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The current Statewide Median Rate NLACRC is able to access for Behavior Analyst (612) services is \$109.87 per hour.

The current Statewide Median Rate NLACRC is able to access for Behavior Management Assistants (615) is \$64.48 per hour.

Pursuant to Title 17 § 57332, NLACRC is able to access a rate for Behavioral Management Technicians (616) that is 75% of the median rate of Behavioral Management Assistant (615). As such the current rate NLACRC is able to access for Behavioral Management Technicians (616) is \$48.36 per hour. The next Statewide Median Rate adjustment by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is expected July 1, 2024.

Reimbursement for mileage is not included for services indicated above.

#### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Applicants should design a program that is equipped to meet the specialized needs of consumers whose diagnoses are likely to include the following:

- Moderate to high levels of cognitive deficit
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Seizure Disorders
- Mental Illness/Psychiatric Diagnosis (Dual Diagnosis)
- Severe behaviors that may include, but are not limited to: severe behavioral dysregulation, impulse control issues, history of criminal involvement, theft, property destruction, aggression towards others, tantrums, self-abuse, hyperactivity, elopement.

#### **CLOSING DATE**

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