



# North Los Angeles County Regional Center

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

**PROJECT #7:** Home Health Agency (854)

**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 Home Health Agencies (HHA) that have a valid license issued by Department of Health Services (DHS), or meet the requirements established by DHS for providing home health services, and are primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing services and at least one of the following: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social work, or home health aide services to provide medical respite, daycare and attendant care for medically fragile consumers who have been found eligible for regional center services.

### INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

Home Health Services are provided to medically fragile consumers in the consumer's place of residence. Services focus on medical respite, daycare, attendant care, and intermittent care.

### LOCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIFIC

NLACRC is seeking Home Health Agencies 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

A Home Health Agency provides the following services:

- **Respite** - Respite is the care and supervision of a consumer so the family or caregiver can take a much needed break. Medical respite is purchased from an HHA. The NLACRC clinical department makes the determination for the level of care required – either CNA, LVN, or RN. Services are provided in the consumer's home.
- **Daycare** – Daycare is purchased for medically fragile consumers who cannot access a mainstream daycare due to their medical needs. Services are always delivered in the consumer's home.



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Parents of children under the age of 18 are responsible for a Share of Cost (SOC) depending on their income. This SOC is determined by regional center, and the HHA is responsible for collecting this SOC from the family directly.

- **Attendant Care** – Attendant care is purchased when the caregiver is home, but needs additional assistance in caring for a consumer’s medical needs. It’s another pair of hands. Attendant care may also be purchased for an adult consumer who needs medical assistance in the community, or for a consumer to be able to access a site, such as camp, place of worship, or mainstream daycare.
- **Intermittent Care** – Intermittent Care is purchased for consumers who may need an RN for specific purposes, such as wound care, or diabetes monitoring, etc.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

A Home Health Agency Shall meet the following requirements per Title 17 § 54342(a)(31). A Home Health Agency must possess:

- A. A valid home health agency license issued by DHS, or
- B. Meet the requirements established by DHS for providing home health services, and is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing services and at least one of the following: (A) Physical Therapy; (B) Occupational Therapy; (C) Speech Therapy; (D) Medical Social Work; or (E) Home Health Aide services.

Home Health Agencies must be Medi-Cal certified. Agencies that plan to provide services to infants or children must employ staff with Pediatric experience.

#### RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

All rates are paid at the Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) or Medi-Cal rate.

#### 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:

- Mild to severe levels of cognitive deficit
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Seizure Disorders
- Mental Illness/Psychiatric Diagnosis
- Communication deficits
- Non-ambulatory with mild to severe mobility challenges.

#### CLOSING DATE

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