

Request for Proposal

FOR ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT) PROGRAMS TO SERVE MEMBERS IN:
BEAUFORT, BERTIE, CAMDEN, CHOWAN, CURRITUCK, DARE, GATES, HERTFORD,
HYDE, MARTIN, NASH, NORTHAMPTON, PASQUOTANK, PERQUIMANS, TYRRELL,
WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

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This solicitation should not be interpreted as a contract (implicit, explicit, or implied), nor does it imply any form of agreement to any potential candidate. In addition, no inference should be made that Trillium will purchase and/or implement in the future any of the programs or services proposed by the respondents.

Transforming Lives



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Trillium Health Resources is a Managed Care Organization (MCO)/Local Management Entity (LME) that oversees publicly funded behavioral health, substance use, and intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) services for 26 counties in eastern N.C. The mission of Trillium is “Transforming the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to care.”

The primary purpose of this RFP is to meet a need for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Programs in the Northern Region of the Trillium catchment area. This will ensure access to services in this region, particularly for those in need of ACT.

GENERAL/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Trillium has identified a need for ACT Programs in counties of the Trillium catchment to provide community services for members diagnosed with severe/persistent mental illness (SPMI).

Trillium will work closely with the selected provider(s) to ensure that the services are being provided as clinically indicated. The provider must participate in routine monitoring by Trillium’s Network staff and additional reviews as needed to ensure compliance with state and Medicaid standards.

An Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team consists of a community-based group of medical, behavioral health, and rehabilitation professionals who use a team approach to meet the needs of an individual with severe and persistent mental illness.

SCOPE OF WORK

The goal of this RFP is the successful development of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Programs in counties of the Trillium catchment. The targeted population for this service is Adults with Severe/Persistent Mental Illness who meet criteria outlined in Clinical Coverage Policy 8A-1.

Trillium is seeking providers to develop and provide ACT services in the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

The following questions will require answers in your Agency’s RFP response:

- ▲ Is your agency currently contracted with Trillium Health Resources?
- ▲ Does your agency have a current and signed DHHS Provider Administrative Participation Agreement?
- ▲ Is your agency currently accredited?
- ▲ Please include job descriptions for the following, ensuring they meet criteria outlined in Clinical Coverage Policy 8A-1:
 - ACT Team Leader
 - ACT Psychiatric Care Provider
 - ACT Nurse
 - ACT Substance Abuse Specialist

- ACT Vocational Specialist
- ACT Peer Specialist
- ACT Additional Staff

▲ Please describe what steps you will take, including adhering to the timeline, to implement the components of an ACT Program.

COMPLIANCE

The selected provider MUST agree to:

1. Complete steps to demonstrate readiness to provide these services effective July 1, 2019:
 - a. Hire and train:
 - i. ACT Team Leader
 - ii. ACT Psychiatric Care Provider
 - iii. ACT Nurse
 - iv. ACT Substance Abuse Specialist
 - v. ACT Vocational Specialist
 - vi. ACT Peer Specialist
 - vii. ACT Additional Staff
 - b. Obtain equipment needed for provision of services.
 - c. Develop protocols/procedures, in your agency's standard format, to ensure that ACT Program services are provided in compliance with Clinical Coverage Policy 8A-1.

1. Provide weekly updates on progress to the Trillium Project Manager until the project is complete and service provision has been implemented. Updates are to be provided via email to the Project Manager.
2. Comply fully with the following:
 - a. Clinical Coverage Policy 8A-1: "Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program"
 - b. APSM 45-2: "Records Management and Documentation Manual"
 - c. APSM 95-2: "Clients Rights Rules in Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services"
 - d. 42 CFR, Part 2
 - e. HIPAA
 - f. Maintaining Accreditation
 - g. Any applicable local, state, and federal regulations
 - h. The Trillium Health Resources Benefit Plan
 - i. Submission of TARs and claims in accordance with the Medicaid Benefit Plan
 - j. ACT Program Fidelity (TMACT) Monitoring
 - k. PCP Instruction Manual

- I. The Trillium Health Resources Provider Manual
3. Establishment as a legally constituted entity capable of meeting all the requirements of the Provider Certification, communication bulletins, and service implementation standards.
 4. Comply with all applicable federal and state requirements. This includes the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services statutes, rules, policies, communication bulletins, and other published instructions.
 5. Comply with the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority (NC HIEA) Healthcare provider information exchange guidelines and implementation timelines documented here <https://hiea.nc.gov/>

Questions & Answer (Q&A) Submission Deadline Please use the link to submit Questions	May 27, 2019
Q&A results posted on Trillium website	June 3, 2019
Proposal Submission Deadline	June 10, 2019
RFP Award Notification	June 24, 2019
Date work to begin (projected)	July 1, 2019

***All timelines are tentative and subject to change

Written questions concerning this RFP will be received until **May 27, 2019 at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time**. They must be sent via the [Questions](#) link.

It is important that all interested applicants for this application periodically check Trillium's website, www.trilliumhealthresources.org, for any updates that may be issued prior to the application closing date.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 🌱 Applicant must be a current in-network provider.
- 🌱 Applicant must be licensed/certified in N.C., if applicable.
- 🌱 Applicant must be directly enrolled with Medicaid and have their own Medicaid Provider Number (MPN) and National Provider Identifier (NPI). This includes enrollment in NC Tracks.
- 🌱 Applicant has not had any sanction(s) issued including but not limited to the following:
 1. LME-MCO: Contract Termination or Suspension, Referral Freeze, Unresolved Plan of Correction, Outstanding Overpayment, Prepayment Review, Payment Suspension.
 2. DHB: Contract Termination or Suspension, Payment Suspension, Prepayment review, Outstanding Final Overpayment.
 3. DMH/DD/SAS: Revocation, Unresolved Plan of Correction.
 4. DHSR: Unresolved Type A or B penalty under Article 3, Active Suspension of Admissions, Active Summary Suspension, Active Notice of Revocation or Revocation in Effect.

5. U.S. Internal Revenue Service/NC Department of Revenue: Unresolved tax or payroll liabilities.
 6. NC Department of Labor: Unresolved payroll liabilities.
 7. NC Secretary of State: Administrative Dissolution, Revocation of Authority, Notice of Grounds for other reason, Revenue Suspension. Providers organized as a corporate entity must have a "Current – Active" registration with the NC Secretary of State.
 8. Boards of Licensure or Certification for the applicable Scope of Practice.
 9. Must not have outstanding program integrity or network sanctions with Trillium Health Resources.
- 🌱 Applicant must adhere to all regulatory requirements listed in the above "Compliance" section.
 - 🌱 Selected provider must adhere to all program, staffing, and training requirements set forth in clinical Coverage Policy 8A-1: "Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program"
 - 🌱 Selected provider must adhere to all regulatory requirements listed in the above "Compliance" section.

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

Trillium's goal is to review all proposals. However, this goal must be balanced against Trillium's obligation to ensure equitable treatment of the received proposals. **For this reason Trillium has established the following formatting requirements. If you do not adhere to these requirements, your proposal will be screened out and returned to you without review.**

- 🌱 All proposals must be submitted electronically through [Smart Sheet](#) Trillium's Solicitation Portal.
- 🌱 Any attachment pages must be typed in black, double-spaced, using a font of Times New Roman 12, with 1" margins.
- 🌱 Any specified page limits cannot be exceeded.
- 🌱 Applicants must use the sections/headings listed under Required Proposal and place the required information in the correct section.
- 🌱 Black print should be used throughout your application, including any charts and graphs.
- 🌱 Materials with printing on both sides will be excluded from review.
- 🌱 Attached pages should be clearly labeled and numbered consecutively from beginning to end so that information can be located easily.

REQUIRED PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

The following questions will require answers in your agency's RFP response in (Please scan all documents in ONE ATTACHMENT ONLY in order of request):

- 🌱 Face Sheet (provided as part of the electronic application) - organizational information such as legal name, employer/taxpayer number, address, contact information for leadership, etc.
- 🌱 Cover Letter
- 🌱 Summary of proposed project and intent to submit proposal
- 🌱 Summary description of strategy/plan and how it meets project goals and measurable objectives
- 🌱 Letter must be signed by an **officer** of the company
- 🌱 There is a one-page limit for this document.
- 🌱 PDF-Files preferred
- 🌱 **Project Narrative (Provided as part of the electronic application and Attachment-including all 3 sections listed below and supporting documentation, as needed)**
 - **Section A: Company/Organizational Information**
 - ▶ Description of the company and its professional history as it relates to the services sought under this RFP
 - ▶ Three external references from clients who have received similar services that have occurred within the past five year. Offers proposing to use Subcontractors for significant portions of the scope of work must also include three external references for each Subcontractor
 - ▶ Licensing and/or bonding information
 - ▶ Complete copies of the organization's last fiscal year's financials including the audit opinion, the balance sheet, statements of income, retained earnings, cash flows, management letters, and the notes to the financial statements OR
 - ▶ If independently audited financial statements do not exist, the provider/vendor should state the reason and submit sufficient information to be evaluated.
 - **Section B: Project Plan**
 - ▶ Description of what is being proposed and how it will be accomplished, as related to the intent of the RFP.
 - There is a 1500 word limit for this document
 - ▶ Provide a timeline for the service or project that will serve as the basis for monitoring progress and adjusting activities as necessary.
 - ▶ There is a one-page limit for this document.
 - ▶ Please include the following information in your timeline:
 - All activities required to accomplish the key objectives of the project.
 - Target dates for the proposed activities, where appropriate.
 - Information on the proposed start and completion dates of the key objectives and activities

- Technical Specifications including any equipment, software, facility impact, etc., if applicable
 - Installation and Maintenance plans, if applicable
 - Project Management, including Performance Management and Security/Fault Management, if applicable
 - Education/Training and Supervision
- **Section C: Personnel**
- ▶ Provide comprehensive chart of personnel positions for the project/service, including the CEO any other executive/leadership positions, to reflect the role of each position, their level of effort and qualifications.
 - ▶ Please include job descriptions for the following, ensuring they meet criteria outlined in Clinical Coverage Policy 8A-1:
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 - ACT Peer Specialist
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 - ▶ Personnel charts for any subcontractors used, if applicable.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION INFORMATION

- ♻️ All proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the mandatory requirements stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further review.
- ♻️ Trillium Project Manager or appointed person may contact the Provider/Vendor for clarification of any response.
- ♻️ Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors that have been assigned a point value. The proposal will be reviewed and scored according to the quality of your response to the requirements in Sections A-C. The responsible provider(s)/vendor(s) with the highest score(s) will be selected as a finalist or the finalist based upon the proposals submitted.
- ♻️ Finalist providers/vendors may be asked to submit revised proposals or make a presentation for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. If so, points will be recalculated accordingly, and points awarded will be added to the previously assigned points to attain final scores.
- ♻️ The responsible provider/vendor whose proposal is most advantageous to Trillium, taking into consideration the evaluation factors, will be recommended for contract award. Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score.

- Recommendations are made to Executive Management who has the final decision-making authority.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Award Notices

- All organizations will receive notification from Trillium when awards are determined.

Administrative Requirements

- The organization awarded the RFP must comply with all terms and conditions of the awarded contract. These terms and conditions will be provided in the award contract for signature.
- The awardee will be held accountable for the information provided in the proposal relating to performance targets. Trillium will consider the organization's progress in meeting goals, objectives and schedules based on the contracted criteria. Failure to meet stated goals, objectives and schedules may result in suspension or termination of the contract, or in reduction, withholding and/or repayment of funding.

TRILLIUM CONTACT INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENTS

All attachments should be labeled and all pages should be consecutively numbered in order to avoid confusion.