



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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CORRECTION: PROCUREMENT NOTICE - EXTENDED IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION DATES FOR RFQVA DDD-2024 (*REVISED HEADER)

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

Transmittal Date - 04/16/2024

This updates the [Procurement Notice](#) sent on March 18, 2024. Please read it in its entirety.

In order to ensure that members continue to receive access to the Home and Community-Based (HCBS) services they need, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is sharing the following:

DDD is extending the implementation date of DDD RFQVA 2024 to **January 1, 2025**. This change will allow for more time to process the applications it has received and minimize any potential disruption to service delivery for members. This notice does not affect those Qualified Vendors who have already submitted their applications; there is no need to re-submit.

As a result of the decision to extend the implementation date to January 1, 2025, DDD is extending the application due date. Any existing Qualified Vendor that did not apply or missed the previous application deadline of February 16, 2024, may apply for DDD RFQVA 2024. For these Qualified Vendors, **applications will be accepted until June 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.**

Qualified Vendors are strongly advised to use this time to ensure they have read and understood DDD RFQVA 2024 in its entirety, and have made all operational updates necessary to be in compliance with DDD RFQVA 2024 by January 1, 2025. This includes evaluating Qualified Vendor policies against the DDD RFQVA 2024 Policy Tool located [here](#).

New policy attestations will not be required for Qualified Vendors who have already submitted their applications. This communication will serve as the record for the amended expectation for all Qualified Vendors regarding their policies. Additionally, the initiation of minimum wage requirements for Group Supported Employment (GSE) shall align with the new contract implementation date of January 1, 2025. Lastly, the Division accepts Central Registry background checks completed between June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2024. Staff that had checks completed prior to June 30, 2023 will require a new check to be completed.

The Division anticipates it will post the services that will be solicited under RFQVA DDD-2024 on its website no later than December 1, 2024. Resources including FAQ and technical assistance documents continue to be available on the [Division's Project Page](#).