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QUALIFIED VENDOR AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #9

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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As communicated in the June edition of the <u>Shout newsletter</u>, on August 15, 2022, the Division will post RFQVA DDD-710000 Amendment #9 which will include a 12-month contract extension, changes to the Terms and Conditions section of the RFQVA and a new service specification for Habilitation, Enhanced Behavioral Group Home.

The Division has posted the revised **Section 6 Terms and Conditions** to the <u>Qualified Vendor System</u> page on its website in the Documents Available for Public Comment section. These revisions include changes to the processing of Central Registry checks and Audit of financial statements. Public comments can be submitted using the <u>Google Form link</u> found in the same section.

The Division has also posted the service specification for the new **Habilitation**, **Enhanced Behavioral Group Home** service that will take effect on August 15, 2022. It is located in Section 7 in the Current Request for Qualified Vendor Application (RFQVA) section. Habilitation, Community Protection and Treatment Group Home is no longer being solicited as of July 1, 2022. All vendors with current authorizations for Habilitation, Community Protection and Treatment Group Home will be required to adhere to the service specifications for Habilitation, Enhanced Behavioral Group Home, and bill using the code "HPD" at rates outlined in the Division's Rate Book. Vendors currently contracted to provide Habilitation, Community Protection and Treatment Group Home that have no authorizations assigned, shall complete a Readiness Review for the Enhanced Behavioral Group Home service prior to receiving service authorizations.

All Qualified Vendors will receive instructions with the new amendments in August 2022. A correctly completed and signed amendment must be received by the Division by September 30, 2022. Qualified Vendors are strongly encouraged to ensure their contact information is current and up to date in Focus, and their email inboxes are monitored and maintained to ensure receipt of all Division correspondence.

Qualified Vendors with questions about this amendment should contact their Contract Specialist.