



## LHCSA Medicaid Contracting

Legislation included in the [State Budget](#) requires LHCSAs that want to participate in the Medicaid program (including waiver programs and services provided through contracts with MLTCs) to have a contract with the New York State Department of Health ([DOH](#)).

Contracts will be awarded by DOH on the basis of criteria that may include, but is not limited to:

- the ability to appropriately serve medical assistance recipients as determined by the commissioner;
- a geographic distribution of LHCSAs to ensure access statewide including in rural and underserved areas;
- demonstrated cultural and language competencies specific to the population of recipients and those of the available workforce;
- ability to provide timely assistance to recipients, experience serving individuals with disabilities;
- efficient and economic administration of LHCSA services; and
- demonstrated compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations including, but not limited to, past compliance with labor law and existing wage and labor standards, and compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements and anti-discrimination laws;"

Similar to the RFO for Fiscal Intermediaries, DOH will post on its website a description of the services to be provided and the criteria for selection. Interested LHCSAs will have not less than 30 days from the day the selection criteria is posted by DOH to submit proposals.

The Budget does not contain a date by which this provision will apply, and it will apply only after New York receives federal government approval so that the federal share of Medicaid funding would continue to be provided for LHCSA Medicaid cases.

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