



ANNOUNCEMENT

**Washington Health Benefit Exchange (WAHBE)
Request for Responses (RFR) HBE 22-009
Health Immigrant Implementation Project and Change Management Services
July 14, 2022**

Washington Health Benefit Exchange (WAHBE) is a public-private partnership that works closely with the Washington State Legislature, the Governor's office, state agency partners, and external stakeholders to make the health insurance marketplace work for Washington consumers.

During the 2021 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature directed WAHBE to explore coverage pathways for Washington residents who do not currently qualify for state or federal affordability programs. The Legislature authorized WAHBE to seek a federal 1332 waiver for this purpose and required a state-based solution no later than plan year 2024.

In 2022, the Washington State Legislature passed a supplemental operating Budget (ESSB 5693) that provided additional annual state premium assistance funding, contingent on 1332 waiver approval, and provided funding to implement the 1332 waiver for plan year 2024.

WAHBE submitted a first-in-kind Section 1332 waiver application on May 13, 2022, that, if approved, will provide access to federally non-subsidized health and dental coverage through HPF to all Washington residents, regardless of immigration status, starting in plan year 2024.

If approved, this waiver will also allow newly eligible individuals and families to benefit from the Cascade Care Savings (Washington state's premium assistance program), launching in plan year 2023.

The purpose of this procurement is to obtain one (1) Vendor to provide qualified Project and Change Management Services to help WAHBE successfully implement Immigrant Health Coverage to provide access to federally non-subsidized health and dental coverage through HPF to all Washington residents, regardless of immigration status, starting in plan year 2024.

The anticipated period of performance for this Project is September 9, 2022 – January 31, 2024. The resulting Contract from this RFR may not exceed \$100,000.00.

The RFR is available by request to contracts@wahbexchange.org. Additional materials or any addenda regarding this RFR, if needed, will be made available to Vendors via email.

Key dates and deadlines:

- July 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m. PST – Optional Vendor Conference
- July 25, 2022, 3:00 p.m. PST – Deadline to submit questions regarding the RFR
- August 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m. PST – Deadline to submit responses to the RFR

For further information, please contact the RFR Coordinator:

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