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Solicitation Information 1/29/2020

ADDENDUM #4

RFP #7599917

TITLE: Dental Health Plan(s) for RIte Smiles Program

Bid Closing Date & Time: Friday, February 14, 2020 @ 12:00 PM Eastern Time (ET)

Notice to Vendors

Bid Closing date has been **EXTENDED** to Friday, February 14, 2020. Clarification to a question is noted below. No further questions will be answered.

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Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.

<u>Vendor Questions with State Responses for RFP #7599917 – Dental Health Plan(s) for RIte Smiles Program</u>

1. Question:

Our bidding entity holds: (i) a Rhode Island Health Plan Certificate (Certificate Number LE-210) pursuant to RI Chapter 23-17.13; and (ii) is currently regulated by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation in connection with transacting the business of accident and health insurance in the State of Rhode Island. We note there has been a change in requirements from the Rhode Island dental RFI released in late 2019 such that certification by a nationally known health utilization management organization ("URAC Certified") is now required for any bidder that is not licensed as an HMO. This requirement would exclude a significant number of bidders that are currently licensed in Rhode Island as a Health Plan but are not URAC Certified. Can you confirm that a bidder that holds a Health Plan Certificate does not need to comply with the additional requirements referenced below:

- Meets that requirements under R.I. Gen. Laws section 27-18.9-8: Benefit Determination and Utilization Review Act.
- Is certified as a utilization review entity by a nationally known health utilization management organization.

Answer: The Bidder must meet the State's licensure requirements outlined in Appendix B, Model Contract, section 2.2, Licensure/Certification.

URAC certification is not required, however, it is recommended.