

RFP: Contingency Management Implementation

Questions and Responses

1. Are there - or could there be - any avenues to exempt a project like this from CMS limitations on yearly financial incentivization? As I'm sure DSU is well aware, CMS limits financial incentivization to \$75/year with the intent of preventing inducement issues. However, this creates substantial barriers to implementing an effective contingency management program. As a [redacted], I'm well versed in the CM literature, which fairly consistently shows financial incentives, especially escalating financial incentives, to be the most effective reinforcement for desired behaviors. While there are other potential reinforcements that we can and would include in a proposal, it is important to know early on in program design whether we will have the opportunity to exceed \$75/year CMS limitations.

VDH expects that all proposals and any funded vendors adhere to any and all applicable state and federal rules and regulations.

2. Does being awarded this specific RFP result in an assumption that you are therefore a Certified DSU facility and therefore held to their SUD treatment standards?

The RFP does not give Preferred Provider status and does not equate to being certified by DSU. If selected for funding, the organization(s) will be held to grant performance measures and will be required to submit progress reports. The State will also conduct at least one site visit in order to ensure program compliance and success.