

**NJ Department of Human Services (DHS)**  
**Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)**  
**Substance Use and Mental Health Gambling Disorder**  
**Clinician Services Program**  
**Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
**Questions and Answers**  
**November 10, 2022**

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1.	Will awards be made in the 10 counties where awards for this program were made in 2021 or will awards only go to counties where no award was made in 2021?	The five (5) awards for this RFP will be selected regionally and based on need in order to offer statewide gambling disorder services.	I. Purpose and Intent	3
2.	Are individuals allowed to solely seek gambling addiction treatment through this grant without concurrently receiving MH or SUD treatment?	This RFP is issued by the DMHAS to develop gambling disorder services rendered through a Gambling Disorder Clinician to provide treatment and case management for individuals with a primary diagnosis of Gambling Disorder or a dual disorder of gambling and MH issues and/or SUD.	I. Purpose and Intent	3
3.	Is there an expected level of service?	Gambling services can be added to treatment at the following levels of care: Standard Traditional Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Partial Care, and Residential Services.	I. Purpose and Intent	3
4.	How do we handle gambling addiction treatment after the grant?  Currently we are not certified to provide gambling addiction treatment in NJ. We have staff that can remain on site and provide gambling addiction services beyond the grant year. Can we continue to treat patients still going through the program after the grant, and its authorization to provide gambling treatment, has expired?	The Gambling Disorder Services provided through this funding opportunity will be in addition to the SUD and/or MH treatment services required in contract or licensure  You can continue treating Gambling Clients after the grant. Staff must be certified or pursuing certification for Gambling Disorder Counselor.	Contract Scope of Work	5

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5.	Is there a minimum number of clients that successful bidders will be required to serve?	<p>No, this phase is for developing, integrating, and enhancing counseling skills specific to Gambling Disorder.</p> <p>Successful bidders will provide screening, assessment, education and treatment to identified gambling disordered individuals.</p> <p>The successful bidder will incorporate Gambling Disorder services into the SUD and/or MH treatment program to provide an integrated gambling and MH and/or SUD program.</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	5
6.	Can these services be billed to insurance under our MH license?	Currently, Gambling Services are not a Medicaid billable service.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	
7.	Are there specific referral sources or will the successful bidder be responsible for creating their own referral networks?	<p>The successful bidder will be responsible for creating their own referral networks.</p> <p>The goal would be for each provider to develop their own referral networks through marketing and educational sessions.</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	
8.	When will the DMHAS-sponsored 30hr training be made available?	The 30 hour training schedule will be developed with the providers after the awards are made.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	5 - 6
9.	Can Gambling Disorder Clinician treat clients while completing the DMHAS-sponsored 30hr training?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Gambling Disorder Clinician will be required to have the following credentials:</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	5 - 6

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		<p>I. CADC, LCADC, LAC, LPC, LCSW, LSW clinicians who at minimum agree to participate in the Rutgers University 30-hour training sponsored by DMHAS with the intent of pursuing the ICGC I within two years.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>II. The International Certification in Gambling Counseling (ICGC) level I or II and a bachelor's or master's degree in health, psychology, counseling, social work, education or other behavioral health profession.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>III. CADC, LCADC, LAC, LPC, LCSW, LSW with one (1) year experience working with individuals who have a gambling use disorder and: (a) have completed the 30 hour gambling specific training toward ICGC I; (b) have commenced direct clinical contact hours in a IGCCB approved setting; and (c) are on track to receive the ICGC I within two years.</p> <p>The Gambling Disorder Clinician must possess the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to competently perform clinical services and case management activities.</p>		

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10.	Is the Gambling Disorder Clinician’s supervisor required to complete the DMHAS-sponsored 30hr training too? If not required, are they allowed to receive this training?	Yes, clinical, executive, and support staff are encouraged to attend.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6
11.	Is the Gambling Disorder Clinician expected to pay for the rest of the cost of the International Certification in Gambling Counseling beyond the initial \$200 or can we budget to the grant the full cost of the certification?	DMHAS anticipates making five (5) awards up to approximately \$120,000 each to providers licensed as MH and/or SUD treatment providers who are interested in treating individuals with a gambling disorder. Awarded providers will hire, at minimum, one Full Time Equivalent (FTE).	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6
12.	Are there any restrictions on expenses for this budget?	<p>Please see RFP sections IV., V. and VII.</p> <p>Budgets should accurately reflect the scope of responsibilities in order to accomplish the goals of this project.</p> <p>Funds may be used only to support services that are specific to this award; hence, this funding may not be used to supplant or duplicate existing funding streams. Actual funding levels will depend on the availability of funds and satisfactory performance</p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>V. General Contracting Information</p> <p>VII. Required Proposal Content - Budget</p>	<p>7 – 8</p> <p>9 – 10</p> <p>14 - 15</p>
13.	How often will reports be required?	Required monthly reports.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8 - 9

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14.	When applying for this grant in multiple counties- I know I have to submit a separate application for each county but do I have to submit an intent to apply email for each of the applications I am submitting or does one email suffice?	One intent to apply will suffice for your agency's proposals. Please submit it before the deadline listed in the RFP.	VI. Written Intent to Apply and Contact for Further Information	10 - 11