

## State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

### PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Prescription Monitoring Program Policy Sybil Mazerolle / Stephanie Kadnar		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Nancy Tan / Patricia Wall		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		OSA-21-371A		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$303,020.00 <u>80,000.00</u> Amd A \$383,020.00 Revised Total	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20200921*1013	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	8/31/2021
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:	
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Penobscot Community Health Center dba Schmidt Institute Bangor, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Prescription Monitoring Program Policy		

### PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
<b>X</b>	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<b>X</b>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

### PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:

**1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.**

The purpose of this amendment is to add funds to the total agreement as the provider has had an increase in case reviews due to prior year under-utilization due to COVID protocols in hospitals.

The Department is prioritizing the support of providers that prescribe opiates and other addictive pharmaceuticals. With the goal of improving prescribing practices and supporting the providers/prescribers to adhere to evidence-based practice, the Department seeks to implement a model for multi-disciplinary teams to provide case reviews of patients that are prescribed Opioids and Benzodiazepines. The state is working to improve the system of care for those with addiction due to prescribing habits, increase patient engagement and empowerment, shared decision-making around alternative approaches to pain management, etc.

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**2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.**

This provider is the only one in the state that has a developed expert interdisciplinary team, to include a clinical pharmacist, a psychiatrist, a Chief Medical Officer (MD), etc. with a developed case review process and can provide well-informed recommendations around reducing amount of opioids and benzodiazepines prescribed to vulnerable patients. Maine Board of Physicians also utilizes this Provider to provide the service. Currently 400 cases within the last agreement period were reviewed with a 500% reduction in Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME).

**3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.**

In this technical assistance model, the fees for Case Reviews of prescribing habits that are evaluated by licensed medical professionals are determined by the Department to be fair and reasonable based on their level of expertise.

**4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.**

The Department intends to RFP this service for a contract start date of 9/1/2022.

### PART IV: APPROVALS

<b>Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):</b>	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<b>Date:</b>	<i>8-Nov-21</i>
<b>Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>		
<b>Printed Name:</b>	<i>Kathy Paquette</i>	<b>Date:</b>	1/19/2022