

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY:

Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)
2727 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

TITLE: Medicaid Organizations Connections to the Florida Health Information Exchange (HIE) Encounter Notification System (ENS)
Provide integration services to connect Medicaid provider organizations and facilities to the Florida HIE ENS

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This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.057(3), Florida Statutes and will remain posted for a period of at least 7 business days.

Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):
80141625 – Incentive program management service; Connection of Medicaid provider groups and facilities to the Florida Health Information Exchange (Florida HIE) Encounter Notification Service (ENS).

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):

Provide integration services to connect Medicaid provider organizations and facilities to the Florida HIE ENS by September 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Heidi Fox – HQA/Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency

Performance and/or Design Requirements (e.g.. intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, etc., as appropriate):

Audacious Inquiry (Ai) is using its Encounter Notification Service (ENS) to provide notifications to Medicaid health plans, hospitals, and providers of patient encounters, subsequently improving coordination of care. The funding will cover the cost of Medicaid hospital or provider group onboarding to the ENS as subscribers or data sources. Subscriptions to ENS will be funded for up to one year, providing subscribers with adequate time to fully develop and implement all of the policies and workflow processes necessary to utilize and share the alerts.

Payment will also be made for the technical and administrative work of establishing Medicaid provider organizations as a data source.

The ENS hosts a master person index (MPI) compiled of patient demographics for whom the Medicaid subscribers who wish to receive alerts. Identities on the MPI are matched to identities in the data feed of HL7 encounter data from the hospital data sources. When a match is made, the encounter notification is routed to the subscriber in real time or as a batch file. The alerts are provided via an SFTP site, through Direct Messaging, or made available for view or download in an Ai hosted interface.

Intended Single Source:

Audacious Inquiry

Estimated Dollar Amount:

\$600,000.00

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

Audacious Inquiry is the Florida Health information Exchange vendor providing the technical infrastructure for the Encounter Notification Service under a no-cost contract with the Agency for Health Care Administration. They are the only vendor with active connections to over 216 acute care hospital data sources actively providing alert information. This comprises ninety-seven percent (97%) of acute care hospital beds. Additionally, the service currently receives data from rehabilitation hospitals comprising eighty-six percent (86%) of rehabilitation hospital beds. The requested procurement provides funding to add Medicaid hospitals and providers as subscribers and data sources to the existing service, allowing for the provision of notifications to Medicaid hospitals and providers of patient encounters, improving coordination of care. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved this funding for connectivity to the existing Florida HIE infrastructure, which is currently supported by this vendor.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Heidi Fox, AHCA Administrator

Nikole Helvey, Chief of Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis

Molly McKinstry, Deputy Secretary for Health Quality Assurance

Crystal Demott, Procurement Director

Jennifer Barrett, Chief of Support Services

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Mary Mayhew, Secretary

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