

**RFP # 2024-AACS-01**  
**Accounting, Auditing, Consulting Services**  
**Proposer Questions and Agency Answers**  
**08/13/24**

<b>Question ID:</b>	1
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	What firm currently performs the Disproportionate Share Audit?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	The current vendor is Berry, Dunn, McNeil and Parker
<b>Question ID:</b>	2
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	Is the firm that performs the DSH Audit eligible to be awarded this contract, or would that be considered a conflict of interest or an issue of independence?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	This would be considered an issue of independence.
<b>Question ID:</b>	3
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	Does the evaluation of the responses include any blind scoring?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	No.
<b>Question ID:</b>	4
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	In Section B, Part II, Scope of Work, how does item #1 differ from the contract for the DSH audit?
<b>Section Number:</b>	
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	The awarded vendor will be responsible for the accumulation of cost report data that will be submitted to another vendor who will perform the DSH Audit.

<b>Question ID:</b>	5
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	As the DSH Audit is performed by another vendor, will the Agency please provide further clarification as to the responsibilities of the vendor regarding Section B, Part II, Item 1 as it relates to DSH audits?
<b>Section Number:</b>	
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	The vendor will work with hospitals to gather the data needed to calculate if DSH was over/under paid. Information must be kept in a database and provided to the auditors.
<b>Question ID:</b>	6
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	Will the Agency please provide an explanation of how of how the hours were derived under each category of service listed in Appendix C: Pricing.
<b>Section Number:</b>	Appendix C: Pricing
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	Based on previous years.
<b>Question ID:</b>	7
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	What is the typical timeframe for payment after a vendor submits an invoice?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	30 days
<b>Question ID:</b>	8
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	Section B, Part II, Staffing, Item #3 (page 10 of the RFP) asks for on-site commitment by each staffing classification. What is the requirement for on-site work and/or is work allowed to be performed remotely? Is there a preference to having staff located in the State and/or a local office?
<b>Section Number:</b>	Section B, Part II, Staffing, Item #3
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	(page 10 of the RFP)
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	The majority of work can be done remotely and Medicaid does not require the vendor to be located in Alabama. However, if necessary the vendor must be available to perform on-site work.

<b>Question ID:</b>	9
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	It appears this RFP is a Re-bid from previous years, but the estimate of hours included on the pricing sheet have not changed from each procurement period. Can you please provide insight on if the hours estimated by service type have been fully utilized by the current vendor or is it likely the hours estimation varies by year and need with Medicaid?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	The hours will vary from year to year based on the needs of Medicaid.
<b>Question ID:</b>	10
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	The work is set to begin February 1, 2025. Will the awarded vendor be responsible for completing DSH limit calculations that will be used in the DSH audit submitted to CMS no later than December 31, 2025?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	Yes
<b>Question ID:</b>	11
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	Who is currently contracted to perform the independent DSH audit submitted to CMS each year in Alabama and when is that contract currently set to expire?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	Berry Dunn is currently performing the services and their contract will expire 6/2026 with three, one year options to extend.

<b>Question ID:</b>	12
<b>Date Question Asked:</b>	7/23/24
<b>Question:</b>	Will the contractor be completing the annual inpatient / outpatient hospital UPL calculation and supplemental / DSH payment model or does the state already complete these calculations / models?
<b>Section Number:</b>	N/A
<b>RFP Page Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Agency Answer:</b>	The vendor will be required to check and verify calculations and assist when needed.