

RFA SETT-23016 Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs

Questions submitted by Applicants that were due by 7/28/2023 5:00 PM
Answers to be posted to OASAS Procurement website by approximately 8/4/2023

- Q1** Does 'co-located' mean that all services have to be within the same building? If the services provided were in buildings one block from each other, is that acceptable? From the RFA, page 4: A Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program has co-located OASAS Part 822 Outpatient Services and OASAS Part 822 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) services that are merged under one operating certificate and makes all services available to all enrolled patients (other than methadone).
- A1** To qualify as a Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program in Group A, both OASAS Part 822 Outpatient Services and Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) must be co-located at the same location and all services must be accessible to all enrolled patients.
- Q2** In the bolded section below, does it mean that the OTP program does not dispense methadone? Through Opioid Settlement Funds, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) is seeking applications for the development of Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs throughout the state of New York. A Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program has co-located OASAS Part 822 Outpatient Services and OASAS Part 822 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) services that are merged under one operating certificate and makes all services available to all enrolled patients (other than methadone.)
- A2** No, the OTP must dispense methadone. The sentence highlights that all services must be made available to all enrolled patients except medication administration/dispensing, including methadone. Methadone should only be dispensed to individuals who are enrolled in OTP services. Also, see Q7.
- Q3** Currently our organization operates an 822 OTP and an 822 outpatient site in one building on two different floors. We wish to integrate the two PRUs which will require moving the outpatient site to a recently vacated space adjacent to the OTP. We will also need to renovate the exiting OTP as well as the new space for the outpatient site so that they are co-located. Please clarify which group we are eligible to apply for.
- A3** You would qualify for group A as you are an existing 822 OTP and Outpatient provider in the same location. Also, see Q1.
- Q4** On page 21, Section 3.4, it says, "OTP Providers awarded with funding are to establish Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient..." Everywhere else it says that an operator of either an 822 OTP or 822 non-OTP is eligible for operating an integrated clinic at a new location. Is the reference to OTP Providers here is a typo?
- A4** Correct. Group D funding is available to existing 822 OTP or Outpatient Providers who want to open an integrated 822 OTP and Outpatient treatment services in a new location.
- Q5** On page 22, it says, "At least seven (7) employees are dedicated to providing OTP services." Does this mean 7 FTEs or can staff shared between both PRUs count toward the 7?
- A5** The staffing identified on that page is the minimum allowable for opening integrated services. Each PRU must have a minimum of one FTE counselor. The peer and program director can be

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shared between the two PRUs. The two nurses must be dedicated to OTP dispensing. The Medical Director/ Physician can be shared between the two PRUs but must have dedicated times for overseeing admissions and inductions. Any additional staff can be shared between the PRUs.

- Q6** We will apply under group D to establish a new location integrating an 822 OP and an 822 OTP. We understand that each will have a discreet PRU. How many applications must we submit?
- A6** For the purposes of this RFA, you would submit one application. If awarded, you will be required to submit one OASAS 822 application for OTP services and one for Outpatient services.
- Q7** “A Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program has co-located OASAS Part 822 Outpatient Services and OASAS Part 822 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) services that are merged under one operating certificate and makes all services available to all enrolled patients (other than methadone)... . “ Does it mean that under this condition, that the Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program is not required to dispense Methadone?
- A7** Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Programs are expected to dispense methadone to patients who are eligible in addition to providing all other services available in the Comprehensive Integrated Program. Patients who are not eligible for methadone dispensing would receive all services available, other than methadone/dispensing of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder. Also, see Q2.