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Collaborative Care For Perinatal Mental Health In Obstetrics, Gynecology, And Family Medicine Practices Questions and Answers

1. In SFS there is a question stating, "Question 1 - Please upload your PDF response. Please combine everything (including any attachments referenced in the Proposal Narrative) into one PDF. The template is located in the attachments section of this Bid Event in SFS. There are no character limits or word counts applicable in this document. Please note that the Budget Narrative is included in the template document and should be answered there and not in a separate upload. PLEASE NOTE THAT UPLOADS CAN NOT EXCEED 20MB." Is this where we are to upload our Attestations found in the attachments section?

Answer: Yes that is correct.

2. The RFA specifies that eligible applicants are individual OBGYN or Family Medical Practices. Would our not for profit, which provides infrastructure support, be eligible to submit one application on behalf of a collaborative group of its independent Family Medical Practices? Or, must each independent practice submit a separate application, even if they are part of a unified collaborative supported by our not for profit for this program?

Answer: An entity identified as a Healthcare Network, providing infrastructure support cannot apply on behalf of a collaborative group of Independent Family Medical Practices (FMP); only ONE Family Medical Practice within the Healthcare Network would be eligible to apply.

3. "Healthcare System" Definition: We need to confirm how our network structure aligns with the restriction: "Only one practice per healthcare system per year can receive an award."



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- If each independent Family Medical Practice within our network is a separate legal entity applying on its own, would each of those practices be considered its own entity, allowing multiple practices within our network to receive separate awards?
- Alternatively, would the entire network, due to the centralized support structure, be viewed as a single "healthcare system" (defined as "a healthcare entity that operates multiple practices or sites... under one legal name"), thereby limiting the network to only one award per year?

Answer: For the purposes of this award, a "Healthcare System" is an organization that provides shared resources and/or support to member physician practices. Therefore, only one practice per shared resource network would be allowed.