

# Indigent Health Care Update

July 11, 2023

# RFP No. 23-0009

- Issued on October 3, 2022
- Professional Healthcare Services for Medically Indigent Persons in Muscogee County (Annual Contract)
- To include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for incarcerated persons at the Muscogee County Jail
- Medical, pharmaceutical and mental health services
- Medical services may include but not limited to outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care.

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- Medically indigent persons are defined as residents of Muscogee County who are not covered under a private or governmental insurance plan and meet the income requirements
- Income requirements are defined as having a total yearly income below 125% of the poverty income line guidelines for family units in the United States set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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- 2022 Poverty Guideline outlined below:

# in Household	Annual Income
• 1	\$13,590
• 2	\$18,310
• 3	\$23,030
• 4	\$27,750
• 5	\$32,470
• 6	\$37,190
• 7	\$41,910
• 8	\$46,630

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- Objective

- Provide quality health care services to the medically indigent including inmates at the Muscogee County Jail as well as released prisoners from the Muscogee County Jail for a period of 3 months.
- Implement programs that will improve the overall health of this population and reduce unnecessary emergency room visits.
- Provider(s) will be compensated at a negotiated maximum annual amount based on the services provided at a negotiated % of Medicaid rates for the following 3 groups.
  - 1. Indigent Persons
  - 2. Inmates at the Muscogee County Jail
  - 3. Transitioning inmates for 3 months

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- Minimum Abilities and Qualifications

- Licensed physicians in the State of Georgia
- Compliance with all local state and federal laws
- Licensed, certified, and professional trained personnel
- Cost effective with full reporting and accountability
- Open collaborative relationship with CCG
- Provide appropriate healthcare
- Maintain complete and accurate records
- Organized for a minimum of 5 years
- Provide insurance coverage
- Ability to maintain staffing levels
- Capability to oversee the program
- Provide quality control and monitoring of services and billing processes

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- Scope of Services
  - General medical and minor surgical services
  - Diagnostic laboratory, radiology services, pharmaceutical and other primary care
  - Securing inpatient hospital care as required
  - Maintenance of medical records and patient information

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- Scope of Services - Services not included
  - Transportation Services
  - Dental or Oral Surgery Services
  - Eye exams, eyeglasses or contacts
  - Hearing aids or other listening devices
  - Drug or Alcohol Rehabilitation Services
  - Chiropractic or Physical Therapy Services
  - Durable Medical Equipment or Orthotics
  - Nutritional or Cosmetic Services
  - Specialty Medical Care Services
  - Pediatrics
  - Adults 65 or older eligible for Medicare
  - Immunizations
  - Services reimbursed by another funding source



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- 05/31/2022 – Resolution 135-22 for Indigent Care Support passed by City Council to allow for reimbursement by successful bidders from July 1, 2022

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- Four proposals were received on December 30, 2022:
  - *The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown*
  - *MercyMed of Columbus, Inc.*
  - St. Francis Health, LLC dba St. Francis Hospital/Emory Healthcare
  - Tree of Life Healthcare, Inc.
- Voting Members: Sheriff's Office, Finance Department, Private-sector medical professional
- Alternate Voters: Community Reinvestment, Human Resource
- Non-voting Advisory Members: City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office

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- Evaluation Criteria
  - Experience = 40%
  - Qualifications = 30%
  - Capacity of Facility = 10%
  - Program Support Services = 10%
  - Cost Proposal (subject to negotiations) = 10%

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- Voting Members unanimously recommend:
  - *The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown*
    - 30+ years of providing services
    - Available resources
  - *MercyMed of Columbus, Inc.*
    - Provides services to the indigent population
    - Strategically located to provide access to services
- Annual contracts will be executed for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year terms

# QUESTIONS

