



January 2, 2025

Northern Michigan Regional Entity
1999 Walden Dr
Gaylord, MI 49730

Re: Opioid Settlement Request for Information

The purpose of this notification is to make you aware of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE) Opioid Settlement Request for Information (RFI) to obtain details regarding provider capabilities for infrastructure support. Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) have received Opioid Settlement appropriations, which are one-time but comprise several years of settlement payments. Therefore, priority will be given to investments that produce benefits extending beyond the 2025 fiscal year. The NMRE has received a total appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 of this funding and is requesting information to support SUD infrastructure support. Considerations for infrastructure support for this RFI include the following:

- Infrastructure improvements for treatment providers
- Vehicle purchases
- Anticipatory harm reduction supplies (safer use, wound care, communicable disease testing, and drug checking supplies)

The RFI document has been attached to this email and can also be found on the NMRE's website at nmre.org, under the "Providers" tab. **Submissions to the NMRE for this RFI must include 1) the completed RFI document (see instructions tab of document for instructions), 2) the organization's budget, and 3) copy of most recent financial audit.** The NMRE may request additional information once responses have been received.

This RFI will be open from Thursday, January 2, 2025, to Friday, February 7, 2025 at 5pm EST.

Organizations with submissions selected for Opioid Settlement funded infrastructure support will be required to sign agreements and may be required to provide additional forms for the NMRE financial team (W9, ACH vendor form for electronic payments, etc.).

Please send questions and responses to this RFI to providersupport@nmre.org with the subject "Opioid Settlement RFI", or by going to nmre.org, Resources, selecting Knowledge Base and then selecting "New Ticket".

Other considerations related to these settlement funds:

- PIHPs are required to meet quarterly with MDHHS to coordinate settlement investment efforts.
- Appropriated Healing and Recovery funds are not allowed to supplant other funding.

- PIHPs must follow all MDHHS interpretations of policy impacting the certification and employment of SUD workforce, billing for services, use of restricted funds, and prescribing and administration of medications related to SUD.
- PIHPs are required to submit regular (quarterly) reports on program progress and service delivery data and participate in a formal program evaluation/revision/amendment process with MDHHS.
- PIHPs must prioritize coordination with the TAC and local government associations to review work that has already occurred and utilize these organizations as resources in planning and implementation.
- PIHPs are required to establish clear performance metrics and outcomes for all funded initiatives to ensure accountability and measure success.
- PIHPs are required to develop and implement a sustainability plan for funded programs to ensure long-term benefits beyond the appropriations period.
- PIHPs are required to facilitate regular stakeholder meetings, including community members, providers, and local governments, to discuss progress, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration.
- PIHPs are required to implement a transparent reporting system accessible to the public to enhance accountability and community trust.
- PIHPs are encouraged to support innovative pilot programs that address emerging needs and that can be scaled up based on successful outcomes.
- Contracts will be separate because of the need to track these funds.