

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Family Planning Program (FP)

Open Enrollment FAQs

1. What does HHSC mean by “open enrollment process”?

The open enrollment process is another vehicle that HHSC can use to obtain qualified contractors for HTW and FP. HHSC will establish provider qualifications and then any eligible provider can enroll to provide HTW and FP services.

HHSC will post the enrollment application on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD), and applicants must respond within the required timeframe. Funding will be awarded to qualified applicants on a rolling basis within that required timeframe. Unlike the RFP process, HHSC program staff will be able to communicate with applicants during the enrollment process and provide support when needed.

2. If we have already submitted an RFP for HTW, do we need to apply again?

No.

HTW RFP responses received will be reviewed as applications to open enrollment. HTW RFP respondents do not need to reapply. There may be some additional forms or signatures that need to be obtained and HHSC will communicate with each applicant individually regarding any additional forms required.

3. How will open enrollment affect the budget allocation for fee-for-service and categorical?

There will be no changes in how funding is distributed between fee-for-service and categorical for either HTW or FP.

4. Will providers still have access to cost-categorical funds?

Yes, categorical funding will still be available in FP and HTW.

5. Will a private practice be able to participate in FP and HTW?

FP provider eligibility will remain the same as it has historically. Only provider type 46 (FQHCs) and provider type 71 (family planning clinics) can bill for FP services. Private practices are eligible to participate HTW FFS. They are also eligible for cost reimbursement as long as they meet contractor eligibility requirements.

6. Will all providers be subject to audits?

Yes, all HTW and FP contractors will be subject to contract monitoring.

7. Are we going to receive cost reimbursement through the new process? If not, how will cost reimbursement be paid?

Cost reimbursement funding will continue to be offered through HTW and FP.

8. Will cost reimbursement be paid through FFS system?

FP contractors will continue to be able to seek reimbursement using either the fee-for-service reimbursement method by submitting claims to TMHP for services rendered or by submitting monthly vouchers as required for the categorical cost reimbursement method.

HTW providers may provide direct clinical services through the fee-for-service method or may contract with the state to provide additional support services through the cost reimbursement method.

9. Will Family Planning open enrollment will be posted on ESBD website?

Yes.

10. Will equipment and supplies be covered?

HTW and FP contractors may receive funding for equipment and supplies through the cost reimbursement method.

11. Is the funding mechanism changing from the RFP process?

All aspects of HTW and FP will remain the same. All FP providers must have a contract with the state to provide FP services. HTW providers will provide direct clinical services on a fee-for-service basis, and HTW providers may be reimbursed for additional support services by contracting with the state to receive cost reimbursement funding.

12. How will providers be notified about the open enrollment process?

Open enrollment will be posted on the ESBD site soon for HTW and FP contracting opportunities.

13. What is the budget process for open enrollment? How will providers be required to prepare budgets?

The budget process is the same in the RFP and open enrollment process. HHSC staff will be available to support applicants through this process.

14. Will the FP application require budgets to include fee-for-service and cost reimbursement?

FP contractors will continue to be able to seek reimbursement for project costs using the fee-for-service and cost reimbursement methods. Contractors will continue to be able to designate up to 50% of their total award on a categorical cost reimbursement basis. The remaining portion of their award will be paid on a fee-for-service basis.

15. What is the timeline for HHSC to follow up with the HTW RFP respondents?

HTW RFP respondents will be contacted by HHSC after the open enrollment is posted on ESBD.

16. How long will the open enrollment be posted?

HHSC will post the enrollment application on the ESBD, and applicants must respond by the required timeline, at least 30 days.

17. Will each entity be required to submit a budget and target number of patients to be served or will HHSC provide a budget (or maximum dollar request) for each of the two programs using an open enrollment process?

If you are requesting cost reimbursement funds in either FP or HTW, then you will be required to submit a budget and the number of clients the applicant intends to serve.

18. Are there minimum requirements for participating in the open enrollment process?

Yes. Requirements will be included on the application.

19. Who will be the primary contact for questions on the open enrollment application?

Yes, there will be staff contacts in HHSC to answer questions. Unlike the RFP process however, HHSC program staff will be able to communicate with applicants through the enrollment process and provide support when needed.

20. Will the open enrollment application list all required reports to be submitted by contractors?

Yes.

21. When will the programs launch?

HTW and enhanced FP will launch on July 1, 2016.