



# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Date: **December 8, 2017**  
Subject: **Ehealth Partnership Onboarding Grants**  
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To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation "Addendum" as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

*List any and all changes:*

Please find a response to the following question submitted.

Question:

Please advise if the following healthcare categories would be eligible under the Request for Application (RFA) 14-17 Health Information Organizations Onboarding Grants:

- Pennsylvania Pharmacy with valid NPI#
- Second Opinion Expert Medical Review Consulting Company (a business associate which requires PHI in order to complete certain health care operation functions for covered entities). Their contracting providers have valid NPI#s.

Answer:

The Health Information Organizations Onboarding Grants (RFA 14-17) provides grant funding to eligible HIOs in order to establish and maintain a statewide health information exchange. This funding opportunity is limited to connecting health care providers to eligible HIOs. Regarding the two types of entities included in the question above:

- A Pennsylvania Pharmacy with valid NPI# is considered a health care provider and can be eligible for funding under this grant opportunity.
- Second Opinion Expert Medical Review Consulting Company (a business associate which requires PHI in order to complete certain health care operation functions for covered entities) is not considered a health care provider and is not eligible for funding under this grant opportunity.

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- If you have already submitted a response to the original solicitation, you may either submit a new response, or return this Addendum with a statement that your original response remains firm, by the due date to the following address:

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services  
Division of Procurement and Contract Management  
Room 402 Health and Welfare Building  
625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

Very truly yours,

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