

**SustiNet Model Healthcare Benefit Packages
RFP MCO_0729_011: Questions / Answers**

QUESTION	ANSWER
Is there an incumbent service provider? If so, who is the current provider and what is the incumbent contract value/duration?	No. There is not an incumbent service provider for the SustiNet Health Partnership's Model Healthcare Benefit Packages.
Is there a not-to-exceed value for the contract resulting from this RFP?	Yes. Currently, the not-to-exceed value for the contract resulting from RFP MCO_0729_011 is \$50,000.
Is the RFP MCO_0729_011 searching for a system provider for the health insurance exchange which will be established in 2014?	Currently, the RFP MCO_0729_011 is seeking a consultant or firm to develop initial comprehensive model healthcare benefit packages for the SustiNet Health Plan to be implemented by July 1, 2012.
Does the scope of services include assisting OHA with issues related to the possible transition to a PPACA exchange and / or assistance with licensure?	No. The scope of services does not include assisting OHA with exchange licensure and/or transition at this time.
Does OHA contemplate engaging a separate firm for marketing to potential participants during the implementation period of the SustiNet plans?	Yes. OHA may contract with another firm to provide a marketing strategy for the SustiNet Health Partnership for development and implementation.
Does the scope of services include assistance with the PPACA grant application for consumer assistance and documentation of systematic issues?	No. SustiNet is not an applicant for a PPACA consumer assistance grant.
Do you expect that the SustiNet Model Healthcare Benefit Packages will be risk adjusted? And if so, will OHA require a public rather than a proprietary system?	Yes. The SustiNet Model healthcare Benefit Packages will be risk adjusted. OHA will require a public system.
How would these new plans accommodate PPACA requirements for exchanges in terms of: a. Eligibility b. Coverage of individuals and groups c. Benefit plan design requirements concerning actuarial value d. Underwriting requirements regarding age differentials and geography e. Consumer protection and education	The model healthcare benefit packages/plans should be structured to be PPACA-compliant, at a minimum, with regard to eligibility, coverage (individuals and groups), actuarial value, underwriting (inclusive of demographic differentials), and consumer protection / education.
Relating to the information that these will be self-funded plans, a. Will a TPA be hired to administer the plans? b. What will the risk-bearing entity be? c. How will risk be shared among all parties? d. What financing mechanisms will be used to fund base premium rates, cover excess risks, and account for and fund experience gains/losses?	(a) Yes. A Third Party Administrator (TPA) may be hired to administer the SustiNet Health Plan. (b-d) With regard to inquiries (b), (c), and (d), the risk bearing entity (-ies), share of risk(s), and financing mechanism(s) for funding have yet to be determined.
Is OHA (or whoever is sponsoring this project) willing to provide limits on liability to the contractor chosen for this project?	Yes. The limits of liability are stated in the sample contract provided as an attachment to this inquiry. [Sample Contract] The limits of liability are the State of Connecticut's standard language that is not negotiable, as stated in clauses 6(a) (3), 10(f), 16(d), 34(1), 37(a)-(b)-(c)-(d), and 49 of the sample contract.
Are there limits of liability associated with this work and if so, what are they? Is this negotiable?	Yes. The limits of liability are associated with the services provided, standard state contract language, and are not negotiable. Please see previous answer.