



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### Puerto Rico Medicaid Program

May 16, 2024

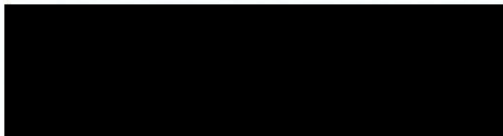
*Via Certified Mail: 9589-0710-5270-0502-4497-55*

Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington DC, 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1308(g)(7)(A)(v)(II) and (III), the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, certifies that contracts listed in the attached Certification were issued by the Administration of the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program during the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 thru March 31, 2024 and to the best of our knowledge and efforts have met the procurement standards set forth in Sections 75.327, 75.328 and 75.329 of 45 CFR, except as indicated.

Respectfully,



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The Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH) is the State Medicaid Agency (SMA) within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Within PRDoH, the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) is responsible for the management of the Medicaid Program and the Puerto Rico Medicaid Enterprise System (PRMES). The Puerto Rico Health Insurance Act (PRHIA) created the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES for its Spanish acronym), which has a memorandum of understanding with the PRMP and is responsible for contracting with, and monitoring services provided by, the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and other carriers.

Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES)				
Vendor	Contract number	Contract period	Amount	Note
First Medical Health Plan, Inc.	2023-000047D	10/1/2023 – 2/29/2024	0	1
First Medical Health Plan, Inc.	2023-000047E	10/1/2023 – 3/31/2024	0	1
First Medical Health Plan, Inc.	2023-000047F	10/1/2023 – 4/30/2024	0	1
MMM Multihealth, LLC	2023-000045D	10/1/2023 – 2/29/2024	0	1
MMM Multihealth, LLC	2023-000045E	10/1/2023 – 3/31/2024	0	1
MMM Multihealth, LLC	2023-000045F	10/1/2023 – 4/30/2024	0	1
Plan de Salud Menonita, Inc.	2023-000044D	10/1/2023 – 2/29/2024	0	1
Plan de Salud Menonita, Inc.	2023-000044E	10/1/2023 – 3/31/2024	0	1
Plan de Salud Menonita, Inc.	2023-000044E	10/1/2023 – 4/30/2024	0	1
Triple-S Salud, Inc.	2023-000046D	10/1/2023 – 2/29/2024	0	1
Triple-S Salud, Inc.	2023-000046E	10/1/2023 – 3/31/2024	0	1
Triple-S Salud, Inc.	2023-000046F	10/1/2023 – 4/30/2024	0	1
Citriom, LLC	2024-000008A	2/15/2024 – 6/30/2024	\$1,088,000	2



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Publicidad Tere Suarez, LLC	2024-DS3772	1/29/2024 – 3/30/2024	\$3,000,000	3
Bridgewater Consulting Group, Inc.	2024-DS3856	2/13/2024 – 9/30/2024	\$499,482	3
Mundo Editorial, Inc.	2024-DS3465A	12/4/2023 – 3/30/2024	0	4
Epifanio Vidal, SE	2024-DS3664	3/1/2024 – 2/28/2029	\$845,298	5
3 Ríos LTD, Corp.	2022-DS0503A	3/10/2024 – 6/31/2026	\$369,916	5

Color indication:

- Contracts have met procurement standards identified under any of Sections 45 CFR 75.327 – 329.
- Refers to contracts that have met procurement standards under local law or regulation.
- Extenuating circumstances prevented compliance with 75.327 – 329 procurement standards.

Notes:

1 – Refers to amendments to contracts with MCOs who provide health services for persons eligible for Medicaid and other enrollees of the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan Program known as “Plan Vital”. Original contracts signed in 2022 were preceded by the Request for Proposal PSG-RFP2018.

2 – Contract 2024-000008A refers to an amendment to contract with the same number for IT professional services related to the healthcare platform and technologies for the Vital Program and Medicare Platino. Original contract was preceded by the Request for Professional Services NNSP 2023-011 awarded on July 3, 2023.

3 – Contract 2024-DS3772 refers to publicity services related to the unwinding process and was preceded by the Request for Proposal 2023-PRMP-RPC-008 awarded on November 21, 2023. Contract 2024-DS3856 refers to the HIT environmental scan and was preceded by the Request for Proposal 2023-PRMP-HIT-006 awarded on October 19, 2023.

4 – Contract 2024-DS3465A refers to an amendment to contract with the same number, which was preceded by the request for proposal 2023-PRMP-HIT-006 awarded on October 19, 2023. The amendment had no budgetary impact, for its purpose was the extension of its time of validity so that vendor could continue providing professional services related to the unwinding process.



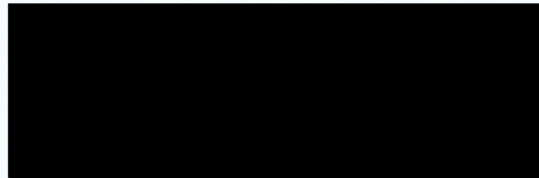
5 – In our opinion 45 CFR 75.327 – 45 CFR 75.329 do not provide a circumstance that applies to the nature of real-estate's acquisition. Local law, nevertheless, provides dispositions that conform to the purpose of 45 CFR 75.327 – 45 CFR 75.329.

Puerto Rico Law Number 235/2014 establishes as public policy that government agencies looking for real property must give priority to available public real property before opting for a private lease or purchase. It also creates an inventory of available localities, and the Real Property Revisory Board of the Government of Puerto Rico (JRPI for its Spanish acronym). This entity has the responsibility of authorizing all governments' private leasing or purchase of real property.

The cited law states that no agency can proceed with a private lease or purchase without previous authorization from the Revisory Board. To receive authorization, (1) the agency must show evidence that no public facility meeting the requirements is available, and (2) provide an appraisal study of the desired real property from a licensed appraiser. Other administrative requirements are detailed in Carta Circular Núm. (Circular Letter No.) 001-2021 issued by the Revisory Board.

Contract 2024-DS3664 refers to an extension of a lease contract for an additional period of five years; whereas contract 2022-DS0503A refers to the lease of additional space due to operational necessity (original contract expires on June 31, 2026). For both PRMP received the Revisory Board's authorization to proceed with the identified leases. According to the desired size and location, PRMP did not find a vacant public facility, and proceeded with the consideration of available private real properties within the areas. To verify that landlords' prices and conditions were in accordance with market's fair value and standards PRMP obtained the corresponding appraisals.

Given today May 16, 2024, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



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