

NYS DOH COVID-19 Contractor Guidance Q&A

Q1. Is state/federal funding going to continue?

A1. State funding for current contracts will continue for the term of the contract. Funding levels are dependent on State budget appropriations. It is uncertain if there will be an on-time state budget and how that will impact operations in SFY 20/21. Information will be conveyed at a future date.

Q2. Will subcontracts stay active?

A2. We have not been notified of any changes to subcontracts at this time.

Q3. Will there be repercussions to our funding if we cannot perform services or meet our deliverables within the time frame of the fiscal year?

A3. The Department expects there will be delays and/or reduction in services due to the Covid-19 outbreak in New York. The current State budget ends 3/31/2020. Ongoing funding is based on State Budget appropriations. We expect that Services rendered by 3/31/2020 will be eligible for full reimbursement. Funding beyond 3/31/2020 is dependent on an approved FY 20/21 state budget appropriation and whether the budget authorizes reappropriation authority to access unspent funding from the prior fiscal year.

Q4. Are budget modifications going to be necessary as we move forward? Would you like those before or after the pandemic is "under control"?

A4. Yes, budget modifications will be needed as per the usual. Due to limitations during the shut down period there may be some delays in our ability to process transactions. Please submit budget modifications as needed and we will address them as soon as we are able.

Q5. Will there be directives given from funders on day to day business as we move forward. (Home visits and Direct Services (appointments made etc)).

A5. The Covid-19 outbreak in NYS is rapidly developing and a State of Emergency has been declared. County and State officials are evaluating the current situation and developing directives for providers. All New Yorkers have been advised to limit their exposure to others and stay home as much as possible to slow the spread of the virus. Services that are not critical to the immediate health and safety of New Yorkers should be delayed.

Q6. Staff are being diverted to do COVID 19 work, will you require a copy of the counties declaration?

A6. No.

Q7. If an application is due May 1, will there be an extension?

A7. Request for application extensions will be posted on the Department of Health/Funding page (www.health.ny.gov/funding) for the funding opportunity.

Q8. Quarterly reports, voucher, expenditure reports due on same timeline? Will there be an extension?

A8. All deadlines will be extended. Please continue to submit vouchers if you are able to do so. We will process as soon as we are able, but there may be some delays due to the developing emergency.

Q9 Equipment purchased through the grant... is there acceptable use for grant funded equipment in support of pandemic assistance.

A9. No. Activities paid for by the grant must be in direct support of deliverables. They cannot be used to support pandemic assistance. If that changes you will be notified. At this time we do not have information on Pandemic grants.