

Rural Solicitation Concept Paper Questions and Answers

Q1. The Eligibility Criteria states a “single medical facility.” Even though we coordinate with medical facilities, we are not a medical facility. Therefore, we wouldn’t qualify, correct?

Response: the pilot site that will partner with the National Sexual Assault TeleNursing Center for telenursing services must be a facility that provides acute care and forensic evidence collection 24/7 to victims of SA. If you are within a 2 hour drive from such a facility, you may wish to partner with them so that they could be the lead agency on the application.

Q2. The first eligibility item is the requirement for a 24/7 facility. The clinic/provider that we utilize are not 24/7, but have stated they would be available for emergency care. Will that disqualify us for eligibility?

Response: It would be helpful to know more about what “availability for emergency care” actually means before we can respond definitively about your eligibility. We would want to know that you have the capacity to provide the same level of comprehensive care during “off hours” or in an “emergency”, that would be available to patients during “regular hours”. Included in comprehensive care would be access to a safe and secure medical office or suite for the examination, and the capability to care medically for patients (medical clearance, EC administration, STI and HIV PEP), conduct forensic evidence collection, and maintain chain of custody in such a setting. In addition, there would be access to local rape crisis advocates and linkages with local law enforcement. If you can clarify the capacity you can provide, we can let you know if you would be an eligible facility.

Q3. We would love to participate in this, however, we have too a lot of initiatives going on at this time. Is there an option to participate at a later date?

Response: The current rural solicitation is for a single pilot site to partner with the National Sexual Assault TeleNursing Center for the duration of the grant initiative. Because this is a 3 year pilot project, we do not anticipate being able to extend this opportunity to other sites during the period of this pilot project. However, should an additional opportunity present to expand telenursing services to additional sites beyond this 3 year pilot project, we would be happy to keep your facility in mind. Good luck with your initiatives.

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