

The Department of Public Health is still waiting approval from CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) re: the waiver that would allow billing for intensive behavioral services for children with ASD to MassHealth.

This process is going well, but not as quickly as we had hoped.

In the event that a decision does not come through before we need to begin the re-procurement process for these services, we have elected to leave all options open and move ahead with the initial steps in the re-procurement process. The first step is the posting of a Request for Information, which solicits input from providers and consumers re: the design of this program. It is not the Request for Response itself. While there is not a significant change in the program model, the RFR does include a change in the reimbursement model (to an hourly rate) and the reimbursement rate (which is being promulgated by Health Care Finance and Policy).

Interested parties will find the Request for Information posted under solicitation # 301018.

Here are instructions for getting to the posting:

Go onto the Internet to address: [www.comm-pass.com](http://www.comm-pass.com).

Click on the Solicitations tab. (scroll down the page to find this in the left hand column)

Click on Search for a Solicitation.

Enter **301018** into the Document Number field, then press Search.

There are 1 Solicitation(s) found that match your search criteria will appear at the top of the screen. Click on this link.

Click on the eyeglasses on the top line, OPEN.

The Intent tab has the RFI document.

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