



# Coalition Briefs

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BREAKING NEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

## Three SNPs for New York City!!!

### *Mental Health Special Needs Plan RFP released*

As anticipated (See *Coalition Briefs* 7.9.99 and *Coalition Briefs Flash* 7.16.99) the New York State Office of Mental Health published the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Mental Health Special Needs Plan (SNP) today. The RFP is being mailed to all concerned parties and should arrive within the next week. The RFP has not yet appeared on the SOMH website, although we anticipate that it will shortly. The SOMH website can be reached through the "Links" section of The Coalition's website at [www.cvmha.org](http://www.cvmha.org).

The New York City section of the RFP indicates that there will be three SNPs for the City, each of which will be expected to serve a Citywide geographic area. The RFP is divided into six sections:

- 1) Information on the RFP
- 2) The operating environment at SOMH and SDOH and the structure of the SNP program
- 3) Bidders' requirements
- 4) How bidders are to format their responses and the questions that must be answered to be eligible for consideration
- 5) The process by which proposals will be scored and evaluated
- 6) Contract terms and conditions.

The timetables by which the procurement process will be run differ between the City and the upstate areas. The scheduled dates are as follows:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Upstate and Westchester Date</b>	<b>New York City Date</b>
RFP released	July 19, 1999	July 19, 1999
Letter of intent to Bid deadline	August 2, 1999; 4:00 p.m.	August 2, 1999; 4:00 p.m.
Deadline for receipt of written questions for bidders' conference	August 16, 1999; 4:00 p.m.	August 16, 1999; 4:00 p.m.
Bidders' Conference	September 13, 1999	September 13, 1999
Deadline for receipt of all written questions	November 23, 1999; 4:00 p.m.	November 23, 1999; 4:00 p.m.
Proposals due	December 16, 1999	December 16, 1999
Notice of conditional award	April 14, 2000	April 14, 2000
Contract negotiation	October/November 2000	May 2001
Readiness review completed	October 2000 - January 2001	July 2001
Certificate of Authority issued	October 2000 - January 2001	July 2001
Contract signed	October 2000 - January 2001	July 2001

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