

Home Oxygen Program New Procurement Process

The Ontario government is committed to providing better access to health care. The Home Oxygen Program will ensure that all Ontario residents who require this health care service will receive uninterrupted access during the implementation of the new procurement process.

Home Oxygen Services Pricing Review

The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to update Home Oxygen vendors on the Ministry's approach and progress in support of developing the price schedule for the Home Oxygen Program (HOP).

In developing the price schedule for the HOP, the ministry will be using the following methodology:

1. Home Oxygen Pricing Review Study

Issue a Request for Services (RFS) on Home Oxygen Pricing Review to consultants selected from the Government Vendor of Record (VOR) List (# OSS - 076916 for General Management Consulting Services). Procurements through the VOR are not required to be posted on MERX. The selected consultant will assist the Ministry in updating information on key cost drivers. A report completed in 1998 has been provided to consultants invited to bid on this work.

2. Vendor Consultation Questionnaire

A questionnaire to vendors will be posted on MERX in May 2009, including key cost drivers, impact on costs of various approaches to pricing related to service intensity and location, etc. The Consultant will assist the ministry in developing this questionnaire.

3. Vendor Consultation Meetings

Meetings with vendors to review results from the survey, explore additional issues that impact price, and ensure that all relevant information has been gathered from vendors to enable the ministry to assess the fairness of its pricing model.

4. Jurisdictional and external research

The ministry will be examining price and components of price and how they are being addressed in other jurisdictions, recognizing that a straight comparison of price is not possible as other jurisdictions do not provide the same service "package" that Ontario provides.

Throughout our process we are being advised by a Fairness Commissioner and by the Ministry of Government Services to ensure that our process is fair, transparent and legitimate. In addition, the Manager from Supply and Financial Services Branch, MOHLTC is advising us closely.

The Ministry will welcome any input and information from the vendor industry, which will help in determining a fair and reasonable price schedule, including input to the vendor questionnaire, its structure and also to ensure that our community-level consultation meetings are useful to vendors and to the Ministry. Input may be provided through written submissions, participation in the survey, and attendance at the consultation meetings.

We will shortly be providing guidelines for submissions which vendors may wish to make related to our development of price schedule, criteria for resetting the price schedule during the period of the VOR, and criteria for registration as a vendor.

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