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Provider Memorandum

Molina Wants You for the Business Enterprise Program

Through the [MolinaCares Accord](#), Molina Healthcare is committed to addressing the main social issues that negatively impact the delivery of quality health care, including racial disparities in the access to, and delivery of, care.

These values align with those of Illinois' [Business Enterprise Program (BEP)](#), which are "fostering an inclusive and competitive business environment that will help business enterprises increase their capacity, grow revenue, and enhance credentials." Molina encourages more Women Business Enterprises (WBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), and Women Minority Business Enterprises (WMBE) to join both our vendor and provider networks.

The purpose of the BEP program is to help businesses owned by minorities, women, and people with disabilities gain access to the state of Illinois' procurement process and to opportunities with other public and private organizations, such as Molina, that are looking for diverse suppliers.

Why Register?

- Your organization could see an increase in business. Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) like Molina are required by the state to spend a significant dollar amount with BEP-certified businesses. Due to the limited number of vendors and providers currently registered, we actively seek out BEP-certified businesses to help us meet this requirement. If a home care agency (for example) had this certification, Molina would likely redirect more business to that organization.
- Your organization will gain access to the Illinois procurement process and to opportunities with other public and private entities looking for diverse suppliers.
- Registration is free of charge.

Are You Eligible?

If all three of these conditions apply to your business, you are eligible for the BEP program:

- The business is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more minorities, women, or persons with disabilities, as defined by the state ([30 ILCS 575/2](#)).
- The owner(s) are a citizen of the United States or a legal permanent resident alien.
- The business has annual gross sales of less than $75 million.

You can read the full language of the [Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575)](#) by following [this link](#).

How to Register

BEP certification is done at the state level by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) and is free of charge for all applicants. It takes approximately 60-days for CMS to process your application and make a determination. Approved certification is valid for seven years with an annual "No Change" affidavit.

If you are interested in becoming BEP certified, please reach out to your Provider Network Manager so we can help you obtain the Letter of Intent (LOI) documentation required by CMS. We can also connect you with resources to help you with the certification process, such as the BEP Certification Checklist.

You can start the process online at cms.diversitycompliance.com. Click "Apply for BEP and/or VBP Certification," then, you can login or create an account.

Already Registered?

If you are already BEP certified, please let your Provider Network Manager know, or email the Provider Network Management team at MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com.

Questions?

Providers who have questions, concerns, or would like additional training—including how to use the Molina Provider Portal—may contact their Provider Network Manager or email the Provider Network Management team MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com.

For help identifying your Provider Network Manager, visit Molina's Service Area page at MolinaHealthcare.com.

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Note: Molina's website and documents are best viewed in Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.