



Notice of Contract Opportunity

Initiative 4.4b Chronic Disease Management, Remote Patient Monitoring and Assistive Technologies

Purpose:

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (DHHS), is issuing this Notice of Contract Opportunity for the purpose of identifying eligible and qualified entities to implement the Assistive Technologies component of Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Initiative 4.4b: Chronic Disease Management, Remote Patient Monitoring and Assistive Technologies.

This contract opportunity is intended to support technology-enabled safety, cueing, reminder, and environmental supports for older adults and individuals with disabilities so participants can remain safe in their homes and communities. DHHS intends to use an exempted procurement approach for this component based on the specialized nature of the services and technologies involved.

Applicants must demonstrate readiness, rural impact, operational feasibility, participant support capacity, and alignment with RHTP goals.

Notice of Contract Opportunity #	Release Date
4.4b	06/03/2026
Responses Due Date	Term
06/12/2026	Date of Contract Execution – 06/21/2027
Submission of Questions	
Through 06/08/2026	Jennifer.J.Clark@Nebraska.gov and Ron.Stewart@Nebraska.gov

Overview

Rural Nebraskans face compounded barriers to remaining healthy and safe in their homes and communities. Older adults and individuals with physical, medical, or intellectual disabilities may not require institutional care, but they often require structured support such as safety monitoring, reminders, cueing, or caregiver notification to safely maintain community living. In rural and frontier communities, distance, workforce shortages, caregiver strain, limited-service availability, and transportation barriers increase the risk of avoidable decline, crisis events, and unnecessary institutional placement.

Through RHTP Initiative 4.4b, DHHS is making funding available to support assistive technology solutions to address these non-clinical but high-impact risks. DHHS will maintain a vendor-neutral approach and support technologies that demonstrate a clear nexus to rural access, safety, independence, and measurable outcomes.

Objective

The objective of this Notice of Contract Opportunity is to identify qualified entities capable of implementing assistive technology models that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain safe in home and community settings.

Priority will be given to models that:

- Provide reminders, cueing, remote notifications, or other structured supports;
- Reduce caregiver strain;
- Improve safety and independence;
- Help prevent avoidable higher-acuity utilization or premature institutional placement; and
- Function effectively in rural and frontier settings, including low-bandwidth or cellular-enabled environments.

Eligible Respondents

Eligible respondents may include institutions of higher education, nonprofit entities, for-profit entities, rural provider organizations, community-based entities, and other approved implementation partners with demonstrated capacity to implement assistive technology services for the target population.

Respondents must demonstrate:

- A clear implementation model aligned with the Assistive Technologies component of Initiative 4.4b;
- Ability to serve rural and frontier populations in Nebraska;
- Capacity to provide onboarding, setup, training, troubleshooting, and follow-up for participants and caregivers;
- Ability to maintain documentation, reporting, privacy, and consent practices as applicable; and
- Readiness to begin implementation within the required period of performance.

Scope of Work

Selected entities will be expected to implement assistive technology services to support safety, independence, and community living for older adults and individuals with disabilities within the state of Nebraska, with priority in rural and frontier areas.

Examples of allowable service models and activities include:

- Remote monitoring technologies that support safety, supervision, and community-based living;
- Virtual reminder systems for medications, Activities of Daily Living, appointments, meals, hydration, and related daily supports;
- Assistive technology platforms designed for older adults or individuals with physical, medical, or intellectual disabilities;
- Remote notification when an individual leaves the home or another triggering event occurs;
- Structured prompts, alerts, and technology-enabled support for daily living;
- Cellular-enabled or low-bandwidth solutions necessary for rural deployment;
- Software, dashboards, interfaces, service subscriptions, or limited integration activities directly tied to approved program functions;
- Participant and caregiver onboarding, setup, installation, troubleshooting, and support;
- Staff training directly related to assistive technology implementation and operation; and

- Educational materials, multilingual tools, and low-literacy support are necessary for successful use by the recipients of the Assistive Technology.

Target Population

Services supported under this initiative may include, but are not limited to, the following populations:

- Older adults at risk of losing community placement without additional monitoring or technology-enabled supports;
- Individuals with physical disabilities who require reminders, safety alerts, monitoring, or cueing to safely remain in home and community settings;
- Individuals with medical complexity who benefit from assistive technologies that complement care management;
- Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who need structured prompts, alerts, or technology-enabled support for daily living;
- Family caregivers and loved ones who need practical tools to help monitor and support individuals in the home; and
- Tribal communities and other rural residents with limited access to in-person support services or caregiver infrastructure.

Geographic Focus

This opportunity is statewide, with emphasis on Nebraska's rural and frontier counties, including tribal communities in rural areas, counties with limited digital infrastructure, and communities experiencing caregiver shortages, service access barriers, or elevated risk of unnecessary institutional placement.

Use of Funds

Funds must be used for necessary, allowable, and reasonable costs directly tied to the approved assistive technology model and incurred during the defined contract term.

Allowable uses include:

- Assistive technology equipment and platforms;
- Service subscriptions directly tied to approved functions;
- Implementation and deployment costs;
- Participant and caregiver support;
- Onboarding, training, installation, and troubleshooting;
- Limited technology integration directly related to the approved service model;
- Multilingual and low-literacy educational supports; and
- Implementation-related staffing and reporting activities necessary to operate the funded model.

Funding Restrictions

Funds may not be used for:

- Systems and devices currently reimbursable by Medicare, Medicaid, or third-party insurance;
- General IT replacements or upgrades unrelated to assistive technology implementation;
- General household items or consumer electronics with no direct programmatic nexus to the approved service model;
- Marketing, advertising, or general promotional campaigns; and

- Equipment, subscriptions, or services that are not reasonable, necessary, allocable, or adequately justified.
- Remote patient monitoring
- Paying for warranties (Recommended that equipment should have a warranty in place)
- Replacing replacement of equipment more than once a year.

Disqualifying Factors

The contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals, affiliates, or subcontractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by any Federal department or agency, or by any State or local government entity.

Contract Structure and Award Approach

DHHS intends to use an exempt procurement approach for this Assistive Technologies component due to the specialized nature of the technologies, implementation requirements, and target populations served.

Award decisions will be based on:

- Quality of the proposed implementation model;
- Alignment with initiative 4.4b goals;
- Readiness to implement;
- Rural and frontier impact;
- Fit with the identified target population;
- Operational feasibility;
- Participant and caregiver support capacity;
- Ability to function in low-bandwidth or cellular-enabled environments;
- Reporting and monitoring capability; and
- Sustainability and scalability.

DHHS reserves the right to make one or multiple awards based on responses received, availability of funds, and agency discretion.

Reporting Requirements

Selected entities must maintain a financial system capable of tracking expenditures and must make records available upon request. Contractors may be audited at any time.

Reporting requirements will be specified in the final agreement and are expected to include, at a minimum:

- Expenditures;
- Number of participants served;
- Types of assistive technologies deployed;
- Geographic reach and service area;
- Onboarding, training, and support activities completed;
- Implementation progress and barriers;
- Outcome, utilization, and implementation data required by DHHS; and
- Any additional reporting requirements included in the contract.

Timeframe

DHHS will accept responses through 06/12/2026. Responses received after that date may be rejected. DHHS does not intend to review responses following the submission deadline and proceed with selection, notice of intent to award, and contract development according to the initiative timeline.

Applicants selected will receive a Notice of Award via email.

- Work may begin following receipt of an Intent to Award notification.
- All awarded funds must be incurred and invoiced by 07/30/2027.
- Final invoices must be submitted no later than 07/30/2027.
- Future funding opportunities may be made available on the DHHS website.

The contract term is anticipated to begin 06/22/2026 and end 06/21/2027 unless modified by DHHS.

DHHS Review Process

DHHS will review responses to determine whether:

- The respondent is eligible;
- The response meets the minimum requirements of this notice;
- The respondent demonstrates sufficient readiness and capacity; and
- The respondent poses risk of noncompliance with applicable federal or state requirements.

DHHS will conduct an internal evaluation process which may result in one or multiple awards as funding allows. DHHS's decisions will be final. The maximum award per entity is \$1,500,000.00.

Response Requirements

To be considered, respondents should submit a response that clearly addresses the following:

- Organization name and primary contact information;
- Entity type and eligibility basis;
- Description of the proposed assistive technology model;
- Target population(s) to be served;
- Geographic area(s) to be served;
- Explanation of how the proposed technologies support safety, independence, and community living;
- Implementation timeline and readiness;
- Onboarding, training, and technical support plan;
- Participant and caregiver support approach;
- Privacy, consent, and data-sharing approach, as applicable;
- Staffing and operational capacity;
- Budget, budget justification and cost per participant;
- Reporting and performance monitoring plan;
- Expected number of participants and growth

DHHS may request additional information, clarifications, demonstrations, or follow-up discussions as part of its evaluation.

Please include a W-9.

Submission Instructions

Responses must be submitted electronically to: Jennifer.J.Clark@nebraska.gov and Ron.Stewart@nebraska.gov with a subject line of “**Assistive Technology 4.4b**”.

Questions regarding the program and responses should be sent to:

Jennifer.J.Clark@nebraska.gov and Ron.Stewart@nebraska.gov

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