

Academia Cesar Chavez

Policy for purchase of group health insurance coverage

It is Academia Cesar Chavez School's (the School) intent to comply with all applicable provisions of the Minnesota Health Insurance Transparency Act (HITA) for covered non-union charter schools, as set forth under Minn. Stat. § 124D.10, subd. 10(d). The following outlines ABC Charter School's procedures, in accordance with the law.

1. At least once every two (2) years, Academia Cesar Chavez Charter School will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) from at least three (3) different group health insurance sources or issuers. In consultation with its agent of record, the School will determine (1) from which insurance carriers to request proposals, (2) whether to request proposals from more than three carriers, and (3) evaluate a self-funded coverage option, if appropriate.
2. The School will cooperate with the agent of record to supply the required information and documentation in connection with the proposals including obtaining required information from School employees.
3. The RFP will include a deadline by which proposals must be submitted. Such deadline will be selected by the School's agent of record and will provide the agent of record and the School sufficient time following receipt of the proposals to review the proposals, negotiate with providers, select the winning proposal, and implement the new group health insurance contract prior to its effective date.
4. All responses to the RFP must be delivered to the School in a sealed envelope and the School Board shall designate authorized representatives to open the sealed proposals.
5. All sealed proposal responses will be opened by the designated authorized representatives at the same time, and will be closed to the public. The School's agent of record may be present at this meeting.
6. After the opening of the proposals, the School's agent of record will, within a reasonable period of time, transmit information regarding each proposal to the School's Board of Directors. The agent of record will present such information in a format determined by the agent of record or as requested by the School.
7. The School, with the assistance of the agent of record, reserves the right to request additional information regarding any proposal and/or to negotiate changes to a proposal.

8. The School's authorized representatives, with the assistance of the agent of record, will evaluate all proposals, including any revisions thereto. The School reserves the right to accept the proposal which, in the judgment of the School, is determined to be in the best interest of the School and taking into account multiple factors, including but not limited to rates, benefit plan designs, provider networks, prescription drugs, aggregate benefits, and any other factors the School determines to be relevant to its decision. The School reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
9. The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, will select the group health insurance contract into which the School will enter. Such action may be taken upon a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors or in writing as authorized by the School's charter contract.
10. Following the selection of the group health insurance contract, the School will notify all eligible employees of any changes in the group health insurance coverage that occur as a result of entering into a new group health insurance contract. The School will provide such notice prior to the effective date of the new group health insurance contract.
11. The proposals will become public data upon opening in accordance with Chapter 13 of Minnesota Statutes.

This policy is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Chair, Board of Directors

Date