

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Declaration

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) received notification from the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene (“DMH”), which includes the Department of Health (“DOH”), Office of Mental Health (“OMH”), the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (“OPWDD”) and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (“OASAS”) that, pursuant to a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) interim final rule, COVID-19 vaccinations are required for staff at covered facilities. The CMS COVID-19 vaccination requirement applies to all Medicare- and Medicaid-certified health care facilities and, in addition to staff at the facilities, requires anyone who is regularly accessing these facilities to be vaccinated with the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by January 27, 2022 and a second dose of a two-dose vaccination series by February 26, 2022.

DASNY has confirmed that this vaccination requirement applies to everyone working onsite as well as any individual who frequently visits or provides services at a Medicare- or Medicaid-certified health care facility. Additional information on the CMS COVID-19 vaccination mandate can be found here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/05/2021-23831/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-omnibus-covid-19-health-care-staff-vaccination>.

If you are currently performing services at a Medicare- or Medicaid-certified health care facility for one or more of the above referenced DASNY Clients, your firm must be in compliance with the CMS interim final rule. Accordingly, anyone working on one or more of these Projects must be vaccinated in compliance with the CMS rule. The Principal of each contracting entity (including prime consultants, prime contractors, subcontractors and subconsultants – regardless of tier, and suppliers) must submit a declaration that its personnel working at a facility (or who frequently visit a facility) are in compliance with the vaccine requirement. Prime Contractors/Consultants are responsible to collect and submit all declarations (their own and those of their subcontractors and subconsultants – regardless of tier, and suppliers) to DASNY prior to award of the Contract.