



Medicaid Dental Benefit Program Manager Contract Attachment F: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) characterizes equity, diversity, and inclusion as representing the differences and similarities of all individuals while creating a work environment in which those same individuals are treated fairly and respectfully, have equal access to opportunities and resources, and can contribute fully to the work of LDH in a safe and welcoming environment.

LDH values diversity in its workplace, vendor network, customers, and communities. As a state agency, LDH believes that diversity contributes to the success of Louisiana and society. LDH values the unique contributions of individuals with wide ranging backgrounds and experiences, and believes an inclusive culture allows our employees to contribute their best. Because of this, LDH is committed to equal opportunity and fair treatment for all.

LDH prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, marital or family status, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, genetic information, medical condition, or any other non-merit factor. LDH is fully committed to being a model for equity, diversity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility, where all team members are treated with dignity and respect. This principle extends to all decisions relating to recruitment, hiring, contracting, training, placement, advancement, compensation, benefits, and termination. By signing this contract, contractor acknowledges the following:

- a. That LDH values diversity in the workplace and that contractor agrees to value diversity in its workplace, further;
- b. That the Contractor is subject to uphold this Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement in actions related to the execution and/or fulfillment of this contract; and
- c. That subject to federal and/or state laws, the Contractor agrees not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, marital or family status, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, genetic information, or medical condition, in any action related to the execution and/or fulfillment of this contract.