

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Department of State Treasurer NC State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NO. 270-20240419GLP Due Date: May 31, 2024, 2:00 PM ET
Refer <i>ALL</i> Inquiries to: Kimberly Alston, Contracting Agent	Issue Date: April 19, 2024 Commodity: 851017 Health Administration Services
E-Mail: Kimberly.Alston@nctreasurer.com with a copy to SHPCContracting@nctreasurer.com	Using Agency Name: NC State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Respondents shall submit one (1) signed, original paper response, and one (1) electronic copy on a flash drive and one (1) redacted electronic copy on a flash drive, if applicable pursuant to Section 3.0.D. The address label shall clearly note the RFI number as shown below. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to have the RFI in this office by the specified time and date of opening.

<u>DELIVERY ADDRESS</u>
RFI NO. 270-20240419GLP NC Department of State Treasurer State Health Plan Division Attn: Kimberly Alston, Contracting Agent 3200 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27604


NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

Responses to this RFI will be received at the address above until May 31, 2024, 2:00 PM ET.

QUESTIONS

Email written questions no later than April 30, 2024, 5:00 PM ET to Kimberly.Alston@nctreasurer.com with a copy to SHPCContracting@nctreasurer.com.

EXECUTION

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May 28, 2024

RFI NO. 270-20240419GLP
NC Department of State Treasurer
State Health Plan Division
Attn: Kimberly Alston, Contracting Agent
3200 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27604

RE: State of North Carolina Health Plan; GLP-1 and GIP/GLP-1 Solutions

Eli Lilly and Company (Lilly) appreciates the importance of access to comprehensive and evidence-based care for people with obesity including coverage of FDA-approved obesity care medications. Lilly commends the State of North Carolina for reconsidering the decision to halt coverage of these medications. People with obesity, and their healthcare professional, seek effective obesity treatments and providing access to comprehensive obesity care supports your state employees in their journey for better health and productivity. When access is denied for safe and effective FDA-approved treatments, people with obesity may be left untreated which can significantly impact their long-term health and increase their risk for premature mortality.

Additionally, the costs of obesity are significant and will continue to increase if not addressed. In fact, in 2023, North Carolina had an almost \$1.9B impact to the state budget due to spending on obesity, related complications, and lower tax revenues, along with \$16.6B in reduced economic activity.ⁱ

The obesity care medication market has evolved rapidly since North Carolina made the decision to stop coverage for these medications. We encourage North Carolina State Health plan to explore these options now available through their PBM. In addition to these new coverage options available, Lilly is also willing to meet with the North Carolina State Health Plan to discuss potential support options available.

We remain committed to expanding access and Lilly continues to explore different approaches with PBMs, health plans, and employers. But we cannot expand access alone. As a serious, chronic disease, access to innovative obesity care medications should be on par with other chronic diseases. We will continue to work closely across the health system to establish a new paradigm for access to evidence-based care for people living with obesity.

We are more than happy to meet with leaders at the North Carolina State Health Plan to discuss options to ensure affordable coverage for patients.

ⁱ Global Data. Obesity's Impact on North Carolina's Economy and Workforce in 2023. Accessed May 2024. [2023 State Infographics no URL states \(globaldata.com\)](#)