

Ellisville State School

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Request for Applications (RFA) – Physical Therapist

Ellisville State School is seeking one (1) contractor for the agency to assist the South Mississippi Regional Center (SMRC) with providing licensed Physical Therapist services, including evaluations and treatment programs for Persons-Served of the Agency in Community Homes.

Ellisville State School is a state operated regional program providing comprehensive services to Persons-Served with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program is under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health. Administratively, it is in the Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities division of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Ellisville State School offers services to people in a residential setting and provides an array of programs and services in the community through the Community Services System. Ellisville State School serves approximately 270 people on the main campus and additional persons in the community. It is the goal of Ellisville State School to provide each Person-Served with the appropriate services so that each will develop to the maximum of his or her potential. The program desires through treatment and training to place each Person-Served in his or her least restrictive environment. This goal is consistent with state and national policy regarding service programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Contract Worker shall report directly to the Director of Nursing-SMRC.

The term of the contract shall be for one year, beginning November 5, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. The rate of pay shall be sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per hour for up to twenty-eight (28) hours per week, including travel.

The contract may be renewed at the discretion of Ellisville State School for a period of four (4) successive one-year periods under the same prices, terms, and conditions as in the original contract. The total number of renewal years permitted shall not exceed four (4).

Scope of Services

- Provide physical therapy evaluation and treatment programming for Persons-Served according to FNP and/or physician order.
- Preserve and improve abilities for independent function, such as range of motion, strength, tolerance, and coordination and activities of daily living; prevent, insofar as possible, irreducible or progressive disabilities through means such as the use of orthotic and prosthetic devices, positioning and sensory stimulation.
- Work closely with staff physicians and other medical specialists.
- Evaluate periodically the treatment training process and will use the treatment training process as the basis for continuation or change in the person served program when deemed appropriate by the Physical Therapist in conjunction with each Habilitation Team.
- Provide in-service training on mutually agreed upon topics.
- Perform other duties as deemed appropriate for a Physical Therapist.
- Services provided by the Therapist must meet or exceed the professional standards established by the applicable governing authority in their profession.
- The Awarded Contract Worker shall be governed by the policies and procedures of the Agency.
- Physical Therapist will travel to all community homes associated with SMRC.
- The Awarded Contract Worker shall present themselves to the Agency for the Agency's background check according to the State of Mississippi's required criminal background check [MS Code § 43-11-13 (2025)] prior to contact with Persons-Served. In addition, this background check shall be administered every two years.
- The Awarded Contract Worker shall attend a mandatory orientation class prior to contact with Persons-Served.

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants must possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in Physical Therapy. And a minimum of 10 years of experience.

Application Information

Ellisville State School will accept applications until **September 9, 2026**, for the purpose of hiring a contract worker. Applications can be obtained electronic by sending an email to ess.contracts@ess.ms.gov, or in person at Ellisville State School's Human Resources Department, 1101 Highway 11 South, Ellisville, MS 39437 or by contacting Armendia Pierce by phone at (601) 477-5615, or via email armendia.pierce@ess.ms.gov. Applications can be submitted to ESS via electronic mail to armendia.pierce@ess.ms.gov or by hand delivery to 1101 Highway 11 South, Ellisville, MS 39437, Administration 1 Building. Hand delivered applications shall be in an envelope marked with; RFA-Physical Therapist, Ellisville State School, To: Armendia Pierce, Procurement Officer.