

Health Research, Incorporated (HRI), a not-for-profit corporation, and the New York State Department of Health (Department) Bureau of Healthcare Associated Infections (BHA) Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance and Response Program (ARSRP) seek to identify and engage a Pharmacist Consultant to work within the ARSRP to provide antibiotic stewardship (AS) expertise.

AS activities will prioritize patient safety and quality improvement by engaging with a variety of partners, especially settings where inequities in support for AS activities exists. AS expertise is critical to support healthcare settings implementing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's setting-appropriate Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship, assessing and using antibiotic use (AU) data to inform programmatic goals and activities, establishing and supporting AS collaboratives and implementing AS activities to improve prescribing practices.

Who may apply:

Any individual or entity who meets the mandatory qualifications requirements listed below:

Mandatory Qualifications:

- You must possess a license and current registration to practice pharmacy in New York State, and two years of post-licensure experience.
- Candidate must be legally authorized to work in the United States

Preferred Qualifications:

- PharmD with a minimum of one year experience as a clinical pharmacist including review and advisement on antimicrobial prescribing
- Experience implementing or actively participating/directly involved in AS program(s) activities, especially outside of acute care settings
- Training and/or experience and or/certification as an infectious disease pharmacist
- Familiar with National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR) module
- Experience with leading and/or developing quality improvement project(s)
- Authorship role in scholarly manuscript(s)

The Pharmacist Consultant will assist in implementing New York State's efforts and activities to support appropriate use of antibiotic medications, with emphasis on outpatient healthcare settings, as well as evaluating opportunities in other healthcare settings.

The Pharmacist Consultant duties include:

- Working with the Department team, promote and support AS efforts in the community targeting certain provider groups (e.g., pediatricians, family physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists).
- Assess the application of CDC Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship across healthcare settings, directly or in collaboration with external stakeholders/partners
- Develop and update the Department's content for AS, including maintaining updated guidelines for appropriate antibiotic use in both adult and pediatric populations.
- Participate in data analyses characterizing AU and AS programs in NYS healthcare settings
- Provide AS expertise
- Prepare and deliver educational materials and presentations for healthcare provider, healthcare consumer, state and local audiences

The hourly rate is \$75-\$100, based on experience, including any applicable fringe or indirect costs.

The Pharmacy Consultant is expected to work remotely but may be asked to attend occasional in-person meetings at the request of the program director overseeing the work. Based on the federal per diem rates posted on the General Services Administration (GSA) website at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>, travel costs will be reimbursed by HRI.

The Pharmacy Consultant will be expected to work a minimum of 10 hours per week but no more than 15 hours a week without prior approval from the program director. At the discretion of the program director overseeing the work, the Pharmacy Consultant will be required to meet with the program director for a minimum of 30 minutes each week for monitoring of the Pharmacy Consultant duties/performance.

Period of Performance

The work is expected to end **07/31/2026 with the possibility for extension**. Work must begin within two weeks of the fully executed contract.

Candidate selected will be scored on methodology based on both cost and qualifications as listed on the attached Proposal Response form that must be completed and returned as part of the application process.

How to apply

There are two ways to apply, (individual or vendor).

For Individual Applicants:

For consideration, electronic submissions must include the completed and signed HRI Pharmacist Consultant **CANDIDATE** Proposal Response form, a current resume or CV, copy of academic degree, proof of licensure, and current registration, emailed to ARresources@health.ny.gov no later than close of business on 3/5/25.

For Vendor Applications

This program is federally funded. To contract with HRI and receive payment for services, vendors are required to have a SAM.gov Unique Entity ID (UEI) number at the time of application.

Electronic submissions must include the completed and signed HRI Pharmacist Consultant **VENDOR** Proposal Response form, a current resume or CV, copy of academic degree, proof of licensure, and current registration, emailed to ARresources@health.ny.gov no later than close of business on 3/5/25.

For questions: please email ARresources@health.ny.gov with a subject line of: Pharmacist Consultant Question by close of business on 2/19/25. All questions and answers will be posted on the HRI website at: <https://www.healthresearch.org/funding-opportunities/> on or around 4pm on 2/20/25.