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### **Guidance Statement: SMMC Re-Procurement PSN Participation**

Chapter 409, Part IV, Florida Statutes, provides plan eligibility requirements for participation in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program.

An entity planning to bid as a provider service network (PSN) for the SMMC Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) is not required to have any certifications or applications related to PSN eligibility in place prior to submitting its response to the ITN.

For purposes of the SMMC program PSNs are defined in the following sections of Florida Statute:

➤ **Section 409.962(9), Florida Statutes**

(9) “Long-term care provider service network” means a provider service network a controlling interest of which is owned by one or more licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities with 17 or more beds, home health agencies, community care for the elderly lead agencies, or hospices.

➤ **Section 409.962(14), Florida Statutes**

(14) “Provider service network” means an entity qualified pursuant to s. [409.912\(2\)](#) of which a controlling interest is owned by a health care provider, or group of affiliated providers, or a public agency or entity that delivers health services. Health care providers include Florida-licensed health care professionals or licensed health care facilities, federally qualified health care centers, and home health care agencies.

This statement shall not be interpreted to limit the agency’s ability to specify the requirements in the ITN for a PSN to demonstrate statutory eligibility.

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