Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Project (CHAMP): New York State's Independent Behavioral Health Ombudsman Program

Request for Proposals, Western NY Questions and Answers

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Q1. Our organization is currently undergoing a financial review in order to complete this year's NY Attorney General Charities Annual Filing (CHAR 500) form, but it will not be complete before the deadline to submit applications for the RFP. Can we submit last year's CHAR 500 form instead?

A1. Yes, if you are currently in the process of completing your audit for the last fiscal year and do not yet have the most updated version of your CHAR 500, you may submit the version from the year prior. Please also add a brief explanation for why you are submitting the older version along with the estimated date you expect to have the updated version ready.