



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
BRCA GENETIC TESTING**

Proposals must be sent to: [contracts@elrio.org](mailto:contracts@elrio.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

El Rio Health Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center Inc.'s mission is to improve the health of our community through comprehensive, accessible, affordable, quality, and compassionate care. El Rio Health's mission is to provide our patients with integrated comprehensive quality care with the ongoing vision to optimize their overall health and quality of life.

## **OUR STORY**

El Rio Health is dedicated to providing health care services for all people. Since El Rio Health began in 1970, we have grown from 10,000 patients to over 130,000 patients and currently serve 1 in 9 community members for primary, dental, and behavioral health care. We are proud to be one of the most innovative, highly regarded, non-profit health centers in the United States. Our focus is on positive outcomes and treating the whole person. Annual revenues are approximately \$320 million per year, and the organization has more than 1,900 dedicated employees. Our health care is delivered by compassionate, professionally trained, and integrated health teams who give from their hearts to provide world class care. Our motto is "Your Health is Our Passion."

El Rio Health receives funding from health insurers, patient co-pays, reduced patient fees from those that qualify for our sliding fee scale, government grants and private donations to the El Rio Health Center Foundation. El Rio Health is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization, as well as a Federal Tort Claims Act Deemed Facility. This health center receives Health & Human Services funding and has Federal Public Health Service deemed status with respect to certain health or health-related claims, including medical malpractice claims, for itself and its covered individuals.

El Rio Health provides comprehensive health care services at 14 locations. Our patient-centered healthcare teams include Pediatricians, Internists, OB/GYN practitioners, Midwives, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Family Medicine Practitioners, Medical Assistants, Dentists, Health Coaches, Pharmacists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Radiologists, Behavioral Health Professionals, Community Health Advisors and Referral Specialists.

## **BACKGROUND**

El Rio Health is interested in exploring the availability of BRCA 1 and 2 genetic testing for patients who have been referred to obtain such testing by their provider.

This is a Request for Information (RFI) only. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes, and it does not constitute a Request for Proposal or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. This RFI does not commit El Rio Health to contract for any service or supply whatsoever. Further, El Rio Health is not seeking quotes at this time and will not accept unsolicited quotes. Respondents are advised that El Rio Health will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI, and all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the expense of the interested party.



## **SCOPE**

El Rio Health will not be drawing blood or taking patient specimens for the BRCA 1 and 2 genetic tests. Providers will be referring patients to a company that can perform the testing and provide the results to the ordering El Rio Health provider, preferably through our EHR Epic.

El Rio Health requests the following information from your company:

1. Is your company able to limit genetic testing to just BRCA 1 and 2?
2. Provide the self-pay patient cost for each of the tests listed above.
3. Describe the ordering process including electronic vs paper.
  - a) What documentation is required to be completed by the provider team?
4. Is your company able to obtain the specimen at one of your locations or using a mobile drawing station? Genetic specimens will not be obtained at any El Rio Health Center locations.
5. Is your company able to bill the patient's insurance directly?
  - a) What insurance companies do you currently contract with?
6. Describe the method utilized to report results to the ordering provider?
  - a) Are the results provided to the ordering provider prior to the patient?
  - b) Is it possible to interface results with El Rio Health Epic EHR?

## **RESPONSES**

1. Responses should include only the information requested and not other marketing materials.
2. To ensure that RFI documentation and any subsequent modifications, clarifications, addendum, and any written questions and answers are directed to the appropriate people within your company, please provide the following:
  - Name of primary contact
  - Mailing address of primary contact
  - Email address and telephone number of primary contact
  - Any additional contacts with the same information
3. Timeline

<b>Date RFI Issued</b>	February 9, 2026
Deadline For Vendor Questions	February 13, 2026 by 5:00 pm (Az MST)
Deadline For El Rio Health Response to Questions	February 17, 2026 by 5:00 pm (Az MST)
<b>Due Date for RFI Responses</b>	February 20, 2026 by 5:00 pm (Az MST) to <a href="mailto:contracts@elrio.org">contracts@elrio.org</a>



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The purpose of this RFI is to obtain the best-suited solution for El Rio Health. Submittal to this RFI allows El Rio Health to share submitted information with providers and other medical staff who will be making testing referrals for their patients.
2. Late submissions will not be considered unless it is determined that the delay was caused by El Rio Health mishandling the submission. All other late submissions will be unopened.
3. El Rio Health cautions vendors to assure actual delivery and receipt of any proposal prior to the response deadline. El Rio Health will in no way be responsible for delays caused by any occurrence. El Rio Health will not accept or consider proposals submitted via facsimile transmission. Proposals should only be submitted by email to [contracts@elrio.org](mailto:contracts@elrio.org).
4. Alternate submissions are NOT authorized and will not be considered.
5. El Rio Health will not reimburse any respondent for the cost of preparing and submitting a response to the RFI.
6. Any information provided to El Rio Health as a response to this RFI shall be shared as a part of a formal solicitation.
7. El Rio Health reserves the right to cancel this announcement if it is determined to be in El Rio Health's best interest.
8. Any response, including written documentation and verbal communication by any respondent to this RFI, shall become the property of El Rio Health and may be subject to public disclosure.
9. Persons with disabilities may request accommodation by contacting [contracts@elrio.org](mailto:contracts@elrio.org). Please make any request for accommodation as early as possible to allow time to arrange for the request.
10. El Rio Health also reserves the right to waive administrative informalities contained in any future RFQ or RFP.



**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

<b>Signature of Authorized Representative</b>		<b>Title</b>	
<b>Printed Name</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Address</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Contact if other than signatory</b>		<b>Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Product name for proposal</b>			

**(A completed copy of this page must be included with the proposal)**