

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **2016 Licensed Long Term Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Services**

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- 1. In reference to applicant eligibility, are state universities permitted to bid for this RFP? Can the eligibility be expanded to include agencies that operate licensed residential substance abuse treatment facilities outside of the State of New Jersey?**

Yes, state and private universities are permitted to bid as long as they meet the other requirements including but not limited to operating a licensed residential substance abuse treatment facility.

Yes, the RFP will be reissued to permit both state and private universities and agencies that operate licensed residential substance use disorder treatment facilities outside of the State of New Jersey to be eligible to bid.

- 2. Is there a place where we can access the budget breakdown or Annex A on which the annual enhanced child welfare rate of \$74,313 per slot is based?**

This is the established rate set by DCF for long term residential substance use disorder treatment services for women with dependent children. A copy of an existing program Annex A shall be made available on our website as an example. It is important to note that the required program services and supports outlined in this RFP are more extensive than those in the sample Annex A.

**3. Does the IMD exclude these women from Medicaid reimbursement?**

Not necessarily. For example, there are consumers currently enrolled in residential substance use disorder treatment facilities who are able to access Medicaid physical and behavioral health benefits.

**4. Is this a Medicaid funded service?**

No, this is not a Medicaid funded service.

**5. Does the annual rate of \$74,313 include facility maintenance and room and board? Are the women in this program eligible for public assistance, i.e. food stamps?**

Yes, this rate includes facility maintenance and room and board. Most of the women will be eligible for food stamps or **NJ SNAP**, New Jersey's supplemental nutritional assistance program

**6. If the women receive food stamps, are they expected to contribute them to the facility to cover the cost of food?**

Applicants should contact their local County Board of Social Services for information on how program participants may apply for SNAP and/or assign these benefits to the applicant agency.

**7. Does the lead agency/applicant have to be the licensed facility?**

Yes.

**8. If the agency takes out a mortgage to purchase the structure in which the facility will be located, can the agency use this funding to pay the mortgage payments?**

Yes. The agency must provide a detailed description of this expense in their budget narrative.

**9. What does repurposing beds mean?**

As stated in the RFP (page 14), "Existing bed capacity cannot be repurposed for this program; awarded funds will only be used to support

new bed capacity.” DCF is seeking to expand overall contracted bed capacity in New Jersey. DCF shall not award this grant to an agency whose proposed beds are already funded through an existing State contract and who would discontinue/terminate an already funded program to provide services under this opportunity.

**10.If the goal is to expand bed capacity, why wouldn't DCF allow agencies who do not currently have a licensed residential substance use disorder treatment facility bid for this grant?**

DCF is seeking applicants with demonstrated experience in establishing and providing licensed residential substance abuse treatment services.

**11.Does this funding include psychiatry services?**

Yes. The applicant is expected to provide co-occurring mental health services for adults served by the program.

**12.Is tele psychiatry acceptable for the psychiatry component of this RFP?**

Yes. The psychiatrist must be licensed by the State of New Jersey. Applicants must provide a detailed description of the proposed use of this service as well as the psychiatrist's expertise. Tele video services shall also be made available, and all technology used must be HIPAA compliant.

**13.Is the expectation that there will be 24-hour staffing?**

Yes. Please consult the residential substance use disorder facility regulations, [N.J.A.C. 10:161A](#) STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE OF RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT FACILITIES, at:  
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/rulefees/regs/>

**14.What is the expected award date?**

DCF anticipates awarding these funds by mid-Fall.

**15. Can an agency submit their proposal on a memory stick instead of a CD?**

No.

**16. Are their age restrictions for children who can access services through the Children's System of Care (CSOC)?**

CSOC generally provides services to children who are 3 years and older. For children younger than 3 who need services, the agency shall collaborate with the child's CP&P caseworker to identify and access appropriate services including Early Intervention Services.

**17. Which agencies in New Jersey already provide this type of service?**

Newark Renaissance House and Straight and Narrow are currently contracted by DCF to provide long-term residential substance use disorder treatment services.

**18. Are there additional start-up funds/one-time funds for this RFP?**

Per the RFP (page 14), "Additional start-up funds are not available. A portion of the initial funds may be used for start-up costs during the initial contract year such as recruitment and hiring of staff, securing furniture, vehicles and equipment, and minor facility improvements to support capacity to serve families; all start-up costs must be funded with accruals."

**19. How would the awarded agency access start-up funds for renovations, furniture, etc.?**

Start-up costs will be funded with accruals. The agency will be awarded the funding once the new bed capacity is licensed. It is anticipated that there will be a ramp-up period and that the new beds will not all be filled immediately upon licensure.

**20. Can we use the funding to purchase a van or other type of transportation?**

Agencies may include this in their proposal and shall provide a detailed description/justification in their budget narrative.

**21. Will the awarded agency be expected to transport additional children who are not residing within the facility for visitation?**

CP&P will provide transportation for those children to the visit. The awarded agency shall provide and/or arrange transportation for the women and children residing in the facility for both visitation and any other outside services or appointments. As appropriate and accessible, the agency may utilize public transportation. If the client is Medicaid eligible, the agency may also utilize the Medicaid transportation vendor for medical services.

**22. The attestations are basically a notarized letter, correct?**

Yes.