

Questions & Answers

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1.	<p>On the notice of funding availability digitally signed by Sarah Adelman on 04/04/2023, it states that “The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) pursuant to N.J.A.C 10:37E as an outpatient service prior to the start of services ...”</p> <p>But on the Request for Proposals released by Valerie L. Mielke on 04/06/2023, it states that:</p> <p>“The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health Division of Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37A at the time of submission of a proposal ...”</p> <p>Please kindly clarify which of them is the one to adhere to.</p>	<p><i>The Notice of Funding Available contains an error and will be corrected.</i></p> <p><i>Per the Request for Proposal document, the bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health, Division of Certificate of Need Licensing Office pursuant to N.J.A.C 10:37A at the time of submission of a proposal.</i></p>	III	6
2.	<p>Section 8 on the Request for Proposals titled Submission of Proposal Requirements directs to label file with the following title: Name of Agency/Provider Residential Services for Individuals Discharged from Nursing Facilities Proposal</p> <p>Please kindly clarify if it should be labeled Name of Agency/Provider Residential Services for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and an Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD)</p>	<p><i>Page 17 of the RFP Contains an error. All file submissions should be labeled”</i></p> <p>Name of Agency/Provider Residential Services for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and an Intellectual/Developmental Disability</p>	VIII	17
3.	<p>Can the Phase-In dollars be used toward Group Home renovations? Are there any restrictions on what the Phase-In money can be used for?</p>	<p><i>Yes, bidders may propose home improvements as part of the \$58,000 that is available in start-up funding. This would be pending successful contract negotiations with the successful bidder.</i></p> <p><i>If the contract negotiation results in an approved home improvement, DMHAS will initiate a capital agreement per the standard contract policy provisions.</i></p>	I	4
4.	<p>Are there separate start-up costs for each individual in the Group Home?</p>	<p><i>Please see page 4 of the RFP for details on Start-up funding.</i></p>	I	4

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5.	Can you please tell us the contract dates? We know when it begins, but I'm unclear when the funding ends.	<p><i>Contingent upon ongoing state appropriations, it is the Division's intent to support the service resulting from this RFP so that it can be sustained subsequent to the initial two-year contract term.</i></p> <p><i>The contract awarded as a result of this RFP may be renewable at DMHAS' sole discretion and with the agreement of the successful bidder.</i></p>	I and V	4, 9
6.	Is there a cap on the indirect/administrative cost rate % that an applicant may include in its proposed budget?	No.		
7.	What regulations would a provider need to meet for this type of service? Would it be behavioral health regulations or IDD regulations—or both? (Our organization operates mental health residential programs in New Jersey.)	<p><i>The successful bidder must be licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37A, which is: COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES</i></p>	III	6
8.	Can we do internal transfers of consumers from this program to lower levels of care within our own service continuum?	Yes, if it is in the best interest of the consumer.		
9.	The RFP mentions preparing these residents for CSS, but can other levels for residential care be used to transition individuals out of these houses?	<p><i>Transfers to residential settings and levels of care, other the Community Support Services are permissible and are anticipated. The reference to Community Support Services on page 11 is not restrictive.</i></p>	VII	11
10.	Who will follow the consumer when they graduate into CSS?	<p><i>Discharges from the residence that results from this RFP will be governed by N.J.A.C 10:37A-11.1 to 11.4., which is COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES.</i></p> <p><i>As such, transition to "appropriate alternate living arrangements" and "appropriate alternate treatment modalities" are required for all discharges.</i></p>		
11.	Will these individuals be diagnosed with IDD? Are the proposed individuals eligible for DDD support services?	<p><i>Per the RFP, Individuals with a co-occurring serious mental illness (SMI) and an intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) will be served by the successful bidder.</i></p> <p><i>Per the RFP, Consumers dually eligible for services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) may be able to access concurrent services (such as day programming) through DDD. In</i></p>	I and IV	1 and 7

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		<i>those cases, the consumer would have a Support Coordinator assigned who would assist the individual with connection to DDD services</i>		
12.	Will vouchers be available for CSS? Who would secure the CSS housing?	<i>The Division anticipates making rental subsidies available to persons transitioned out of the service, who are eligible for Community Support Services.</i>		
13.	The program consists of a group home with 5 beds, serving a minimum 15 individuals per year. The RFP states maximum of 6 month stay in each bed. Does this would mean each person would have a maximum of 4 month stay not the 6 as written? Please clarify.	<i>The service resulting from this RFP is designed to be transitional, with varied lengths of stay.</i>		
14.	Will this RFP remain a deficit funded contract after the second year? Is there a plan for the state to sustain funding beyond two years?	<p><i>Contingent upon ongoing state appropriations, it is the Division's intent to support the service resulting from this RFP so that it can be sustained subsequent to the initial two-year contract term.</i></p> <p><i>The contract awarded as a result of this RFP may be renewable at DMHAS' sole discretion and with the agreement of the successful bidder.</i></p>	I and V	4,9