



- Q1.** Section 1.3, CONTRACT TERM, pg. 7: RFP states, “The contract term is for a period of two (2) years... Renewals of the contract...may be made at one-year intervals...not to exceed a total of three (3) years...” It was the Vendor’s understanding that all DHR services contracts were moving to three-year standard contracts, with an extension option beyond the three years. Some DHR contracts already use this model. Please clarify whether this contract will move to the longer contract period.
- R1.** **The contractual term is correct as stated in the RFP document for this procurement.**
- Q2.** Section 3.1 STAFF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, pg. 15: RFP states, “Each team must consist of...one (1) Therapist...”. In Vendor program, the Team Leader and some of the social workers are certified at a master’s level, and are thus also certified to provide counseling to STAR clients. One or both of these staff members will be available to provide individual and/or family therapy if indicated. Does this fulfill the requirement that a Therapist be included on the STAR team? Please clarify.
- R2.** **The Therapist(s) must possess credentials that meet the requirements for delivery of therapy services, as required by Medicaid Vendor Manual, Medicaid Rehabilitative Services, 105 Rehabilitative Services – DHR, DYS, DMH, and DCA. The Therapist(s) will be responsible for provision of direct care services, including individual family and group therapy; mental health consultation; crisis intervention; other direct care services and shared on-call responsibility.**
- Q3.** Section 3.5 CASELOAD REQUIREMENTS, pg. 17: RFP states, “If Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) is indicated as the needed placement at the completion of the assessment, the Vendor must have the capacity to maintain the child in the assessment home to prevent the child from experiencing a move and to aid in the achievement of the permanency goal.” Will STAR clients needing TFC services still be considered STAR clients, or would they be considered TFC clients and billed as TFC using TFC slots? Using TFC slots for STAR clients needing TFC services will limit STAR availability as there are fewer TFC slots available.
- R3.** **Upon recommendation for a Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) placement, a STAR client will be referred to a TFC provider. If the Multi-dimensional Assessment Tool (MAT) indicates a need and the ISP Team agrees.**

Note: The text in red above has been added to the response as originally issued.