

**1. What are the current contract per diem rates for shelter care group home services?**

\$45.74 with a 10% retainage

**2. Will LDH make start-up cost funds available for this program?**

No

**3. If so, how should these costs be represented in our submission?**

Not Applicable

**4. Is it allowable for a contractor to serve the "up to 20 clients" in multiple group home sites? For example, two 8-bed and one 6-bed group homes.**

No

**5. If multiple group homes are allowable, can the bidder recommend a supervisory and staff structure to fulfill the roles identified in Section 4, Item a, and sub-item xiii (RFP page 17)? For example, can the Program Director oversee three group homes (based on the example above)?**

Not Applicable

**6. Will LDH reimburse the per diem rate for empty beds?**

No

**7. If not, would LDH consider negotiating an empty bed rate?**

Yes, but only when ELMHS has made no referrals to fill the beds.

**8. Can telemedicine and/or telepsychiatry be used to fulfill any of the roles identified in Section 4, Item a, and sub-item xiii (RFP page 17)?**

No. The positions identified in sub-item xiii (RFP page 17) are to perform services on-site and not remotely.

**9. Can the RFP-required roles listed on page 17 be combined and fulfilled by a single or two staff members, or are four distinct staff members mandatory?**

The staffing must follow what is outlined in the RFP, and according to the licensing for an STRAP facility. As indicated, these four roles are to be filled by four separate individuals.

**10. RFP page 27 states: Proposer shall submit one (1) original hard copy... and should submit one (1) electronic copy (cd or flash drive) of the entire proposal and five (5) additional hard copies of the**

**proposal. Proposer should provide one (1) electronic copy of the Redacted proposal (cd or flash drive). Is this second electronic "Redacted proposal" copy in addition to the first one listed? (Or does LDH require one unredacted and one redacted copy on a single cd or flash).**

The "Redacted proposal" copy is in addition to the first one listed and can be on the same device.

**11. For the redacted proposal copy, what sort of information do you expect to be redacted?**

The decision as to what information, if any, to redact from the proposal is entirely up to the proposer. Typically, proposers redact information that they consider to be sensitive in nature because it is proprietary or trade secret information.