

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
(SSA)
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RESPONSES (EOI) FOR
LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY PER DIEM PROVIDERS**

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES #2

Question 4: Our client is a current licensed Residential Childcare Program under COMAR 14.31.02. He has expressed interest that they will like to submit Expression of Interest (#SSA/CPA 18-001S) as an **Independent Living (ILP)** to prepare and assist youths between the ages of 16 and 20 to transit to living as independent citizens. Are they qualified to submit an Expression of Interest and pursue needed licensure or expansion.

Response: All providers must be licensed as Private Child Placement Agencies (CPA) pursuant to section 07.05.01 of COMAR. The license to provide CPA services must be current at the time of submitting the response to the expression of interest.

Question 5: We are currently under contract to serve 10 youth in Baltimore county and to date, we are at capacity. Our goal is to continue providing this service and we are also proposing to open a second location in Prince George's County with a capacity of 10 slots. We have spoken to our Licensing Specialist, Sherlema Ferguson, about this matter and we have her full support. Please advise if our contract can be raised from 10 to 20 clients.

Response: A provider may seek to expand the number of beds under its license, which is a separate process. However, for purposes of the EOI, the Department intends to award contracts based on the number of beds allowed on the license issued by the Office of Licensing and Monitoring and as per the rate letter issued by the Maryland State Department of Education. If it is determined that additional resources or beds are required, modifications can be made to contracts.