



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Request for Grant Proposals for
RESPIRE CARE SERVICES

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QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES #1

Question 1: In the RFGP, Cecil County is listed under the Eastern Shore for both the functional and developmental disability regions. Is this a typo because Cecil County is not always considered a part of the Eastern Shore?

Response: Geographically and traditionally Cecil County is one of the nine Eastern Shore counties. Cecil County is located on the eastern side of the Chesapeake.

Question 2: The grant refers to those that have developmental and functional disabilities. To be clear, do dementia-related disorders fall under the definition of functional disability?

Response: Yes, dementia is a functional disability.

Question 3: Can you clarify the limitations of each participant? Is it correct that each Level 1 participant is limited to 14 days per year of Respite Care services? For example, in the Central Maryland region, the number of hours is 20,988. Is this broken up amongst all grant recipients or each individual recipient receives this coverage of hours? Please clarify how many days a participant with a Level 1 and a participant with a Level 2 can attend in any given grant cycle.

Response: Per COMAR 07.02.18.07 and Section 3.3 (C) of the RFGP, each Level I or Level II participant is limited to 164 hours of respite care per year. These hours may be used on a daily or hourly basis. If used on a daily basis (a 10 to 24 hour period), participants are limited to 14 days. The 20,988 figure is an estimate of the number of hours provided by grant recipients in the Central Region to Level I participants.

Question 4: How is funding determined for an agency that may have clients participating in Level I or Level II that may attend under another program such as Medical Assistance or the Living at Home Waiver. Would a participant that wants to attend through this Respite Care grant be billed at an agency's private rate per day or does this grant provide a predetermined amount based on the site location of the service?

Response: Participants are limited in the funding they receive. Level I participants are limited to payments that are twice the legal minimal wage (minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour). Level II participants are limited to \$25 per hour. How they choose to spend their respite care payments is their choice. For example, if they chose to spend the payments on Adult Medical Day Care they would have to use their own funds to subsidize the cost.