

## AMENDMENTS

March 23, 2012

**Amendment 1. In Section C(II) of the RFP (page 7 of the publicly posted RFP), the bullet that reads:**

- Perform a medical, psychiatric and psychological evaluation of the individual; and

**is hereby amended to read:**

- Perform a medical, psychiatric and psychosocial evaluation of the individual; and

**Amendment 2. The Answer to Question 5 posted on March 8, 2012 is hereby deleted and replaced with:**

5. **Question: In Section II of the RFP, you say that the contractor shall "Perform a medical, psychiatric and psychological evaluation of the individual." Please clarify the scope of the medical and psychiatric evaluations contemplated for the Community Placement Assessments.**

**General Answer:** In assessing whether community placement is appropriate for an individual, the assessment contractor shall meet with the individual face to face and (a) perform a medical, psychiatric and psychosocial evaluation of the individual; and (b) perform a functional assessment of the individual's abilities to engage in ADLs and IADLs necessary to live safely in a community setting. The purposes of the Community Placement Assessments are: (1) to determine whether the total needs of the individual are such that they can be met in an appropriate community setting, and (2) for individuals capable of and desiring to live in the community, to identify the specific types of Community Housing and Community Services necessary to maintain them safely in the community. The contractor should propose the staff and methodology it believes necessary to completely and accurately accomplish these purposes. In making its determination whether the individual can reside in the community, the contractor shall not rely on prior determinations that the individual is nursing home appropriate.

- A. **Is it contemplated that each individual will have a medical examination by a medical professional in the employ of the contractor?**

**Answer: No.** All residents of nursing homes have periodic medical examinations by a health care practitioner. It is anticipated that the contractor will use the most current medical records as a component of its medical evaluation. To supplement and verify the completeness and accuracy of existing data, it may be necessary to gather additional information. This may include obtaining the information from the nursing home and/or other medical practitioner who has rendered care to the individual. The contractor should propose staff with sufficient expertise to review, verify, gather and assess the necessary information.

- B. Is it contemplated that each individual will have a psychiatric evaluation by a psychiatrist in the employ of the contractor?**

**Answer: No.** It is anticipated that all residents of nursing homes with serious mental illness will have had an initial evaluation by a psychiatrist or other M.D. and periodic consultations with a psychiatric health practitioner (not necessarily a psychiatrist). To supplement and verify the completeness and accuracy of existing data, it may be necessary to gather additional information. This may include obtaining the information from the nursing home and/or other medical practitioner who has rendered care to the individual. The contractor should propose staff with sufficient expertise to review, verify, gather and assess the necessary information.

- C. Or is it contemplated that medical and psychiatric professionals employed by the contractor will review medical/psychiatric history and most recent examination performed by others.**

**Answer: It is expected that the contractor will review the medical and psychiatric history and most recent medical examination and psychiatric evaluation performed by others. The contractor must also meet face-to-face with the individual. If additional information is needed, the contractor should obtain it. See answers to Questions 5A and 5B.**

**Amendment 3. The Answer to Question 13 posted on March 8, 2012 is hereby deleted and replaced with:**

- 13. Question: Will the PASRRs that have been completed be accurate? Will they be complete?**

**Answer: It is the Department's expectation that any PASRR evaluation and report that has been completed is complete and accurate at the time the evaluation is completed. However, the PASRR form was revised in 2011 and**

**the prior form may not be recent and/or may not have sufficient information to enable the contractor to (1) determine whether the total needs of the individual are such that they can be met in an appropriate community setting, and (2) for individuals capable of and desiring to live in the community, identify the specific types of Community Housing and Community Services necessary to maintain them safely in the community.**

**Amendment 4. The Answer to Question 16 posted on March 8, 2012 is hereby deleted and replaced with:**

**16. Question: If our understanding is correct, every individual eligible for a Community Placement Assessment (CPA) also has already received a PASRR Level II assessment, which is fairly comprehensive. Are you contemplating that the CPA will supplement and not duplicate the PASRR Level II?**

**Answer: The Department expects that the Community Placement Assessment will supplement and not duplicate the PASRR Level II. The Community Placement Assessment must include all elements set forth in Section C(II) on pages 6-9 of the RFP Also see answers to Question 13 and 14.**

**Amendment 5. THE PROPOSAL DUE DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 23RD.**