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**HCJFS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
INDEPENDENT LIVING
RFP SC02-23R**

ADDENDUM 1

Questions asked before RFP Conference

Q1. On page 10 of the RFP, it states that the vendor must provide rental units and basic rental maintenance, etc. Are we required to purchase apartments and provide apartment management/maintenance for this RFP, or can we apply for the IL services separately?

A. It is expected all Independent Living Providers to secure safe housing for youth in their care. The Provider does not have to own the apartments and can work with a third party to secure the housing and property maintenance. If the Provider does not own the housing, it is still expected that they secure housing and ensure the residences remains clean and safe, with ongoing management and maintenance consistent with expectations delineated in the RFP.

Q2. Does the provider need to purchase rentals and provide all maintenance, or can the provider assist youth in renting apartments with provider's name on the lease agreement?

A. Absolutely. This approach will be best fitting for older youth with a capacity to manage independently more so than some youth may be able to sustain. It would be helpful for the Provider to establish relationships with landlords in anticipation of connecting youth in the community apartments. Peer IL organizations are often faced with challenges engaging these resources due to the age of our youth and their trauma-based behaviors and require frequent visits of case managers and support staff.