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**HCJFS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES
RFP SC01-21R**

ADDENDUM 1

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) will become effective in Ohio no later than **October 1, 2021**. FFPSA seeks to curtail the use of congregate or group care for children, and instead will place a new emphasis on family foster homes. With limited exceptions, the federal government will not reimburse states for children placed in group care settings for more than two weeks.

Approved settings, known as qualified residential treatment programs (QRTP's), must use a trauma-informed treatment model and employ registered or licensed nursing staff and other licensed clinical staff. The child must be formally assessed within 30 days of placement to determine if his or her needs can be met by family members, in a family foster home or another approved setting. HCJFS will seek to meet the mandates of the FFPSA to curtail the use of congregate care by **October 1, 2021**.

Any congregate or group care providers who plan to transition to a QRTP will need to submit a proposal for this current RT RFP to be considered as placement providers longer than two weeks. HCJFS will not be utilizing congregate or group care as it has in the past. HCJFS is in support of the FFPSA and it is expected that all RT's will be QRTP by **October 1, 2021**. HCJFS encourages providers to submit a proposal for the RT RFP that has been posted this week.