

HFI FY15 Contract Extension Webinar Q/A:

1. Q-Will the power point slides be available to print off after the webinar or could they be emailed or made available on line?

A-Yes, the power point slides will be sent to all HFI Program Managers.

2. Q-When you say caseload based on 24 pts, how many hrs per wk is this figured on?

A- The analysis was completed using a 40 hour work week. Please refer to *HFA Best Practice Standards © Prevent Child Abuse America Updated 04/01/14 Effective July 1, 2014-December 31, 2016*, for details regarding caseload weighting and level systems.

3a. Q-Will the maximum caseload weight be changing to reflect the HFA standards of Best practice with a weight of 24 or will it continue to follow the HFI policy with a weight of 30?

3b. Q-Will you be able to tell us what the caseload cap is for an FTE?

3c. Q-So, are you saying then that we can begin using the HFA ideal weight of 24 per FTE?

A- DCS and the HFI Committees are currently in the process of reviewing HFA and HFI standards and policies to ensure continued compliance with evolving best practice standards and when/if HFI policy changes, all HFI agencies will be advised of such changes as they occur.

4a. Q-Can you tell us the source of the new funding?

4b. Q-Where did the additional funding for Healthy Families come from?

4c. Q-Was the new money federal money or state money?

4d. Q-Could I have a chance to talk about the fact that the state money allows some flexibility in assessment that makes it easier to get services to families and manage caseloads?

A-Federal TANF. DCS is exploring a number of innovative sources to fund HFI, moving towards more braided and blended approaches in order to ensure the fiscal security and future of the program.

5. Q-Are you going to share the matrix?

A-DCS continues to use the number of live births in a county and the percentage of children living in poverty to guide the funding needs for each county. Allocations have been slowly shifting over time to be more in line with this funding methodology. However, to avoid large shifts in funding for individual counties this has been a slow process.

6. Q-In a multi site county, are the new unit rates, the same across the board?

A-No, the new rates were determined by a number of agency specific factors and were not based on the location.

7. Q-If our site is doing better in staffing as of the past few months and we plan to hire new staff will we be able to do this with the new allocations?

A-Each HFI agency should review their new allocation to determine for themselves if it will accommodate the hiring of new staff or not.

8. Q-Was there any consideration given to "start up funds" being given to sites, to pay for staff salaries, while they build caseloads?

A-"Start up funds" will not be offered at this time.

9. Q-While our new contract extensions are pending the signature process, will payments be delayed for claims submitted during this process?

A-Anytime a contract is placed into Amendment status payments could be delayed. The sooner the signed contracts get back to DCS the quicker the process can be completed. If you have questions about your contract, please contact Elonda Wilson.