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RE: Evaluation Process – Rates

The purpose of the RFP is to determine the best means of satisfying DCS' need for the provision of a comprehensive array of child welfare services. Consistent with that purpose, DCS is in the process of evaluating proposals. For proposals seeking unit rates exceeding the DCS standard rate, the first step in the process is a fiscal evaluation. The DCS fiscal evaluation has determined that higher rates could only be justified in certain cases and not necessarily statewide. As a consequence, providers who proposed higher rates may be offered their proposed rate, a rate lower than their proposal or the DCS standard rate. While the proposals had to include a single statewide rate, the contract rates may vary based on the fiscal justification for each proposed area to satisfy the RFP requirement of cost-effective services.

Thank you for your services with the families and children of Indiana.



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