

**Residential Child Care Contract
Renewal FY07
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is the timeframe for maintaining the child's inventory? (Section 7)

The inventory may be maintained on a seasonal basis. Permanent items such as televisions and stereos should be inventoried on a permanent basis. Residential Contract Managers will monitor the last 12 months of the inventory.

2. May foster parents use family physicians to meet the medical needs of children? (Section 11)

Yes, foster parents may use their family physician if exams are completed within guidelines of periodicity schedule recommended by the most current version of the Texas Health Steps periodicity schedule found in Section 42.2.2 of the Texas Medicaid Providers Manual at <http://www.tmhp.com/default.aspx>.

3. Where may Contractors acquire Medical Consent training? (Section 21. F)

There will be a computer-based training for all contractors after it is made available by DFPS. You will be notified of this training when it becomes available. DFPS will be placing information on the Residential Contracts website regarding Medical Consent and the training very soon. <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/pcs/residential.asp>.

4. Where may Contractors find information about local disaster planning? (Section 25)

Please refer to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management website <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/index.htm>. There are many helpful links and information provided at this website. Also, please make contact with your local mayor and/or county judge if you are not aware of the emergency management plan or the individuals responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response your local community.

5. Is there a toll free number for contractors to contact during mandatory evacuation or emergency situations? (Section 25)

Please call 800-252-5400 to provide information on the location and condition of children in care who have been evacuated as soon as the children reach their evacuation destination. Contractors with multiple facilities and CPAs must contact CPS once per day, at a minimum (unless otherwise instructed by DFPS), to provide information concerning the children in their care until all children are accounted for. CPAs must have methods through which their homes can contact CPA administration to inform them of the location and condition of children in care as soon as possible upon reaching an evacuation destination.

6. Can the medical consenter consent to all medical care?

No, the medical consenter may not consent to certain major medical care, including:

- Abortions or any other surgical treatment
- The withdrawal of life sustaining treatment
- Any treatment the child's physician considers dangerous
- Any treatment that may be threatening to the child's life or long-term health.

7. How may I access additional information about the Child and Family Services Review?

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families website is:

(<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/recruit/cfsfactsheet.htm>)

8. How can I submit questions to the FAQ List?

Please submit your questions to residential_contracts@dfps.state.tx.us.