
Sponsored Residential

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Overview

Sponsored Residential is a care model where individuals with developmental disabilities live in the home of a trained caregiver, often becoming part of the caregiver's household and family life.

This program provides an alternative to institutional care or group homes, offering a more intimate, personalized environment for individuals who need assistance with daily living, medical needs, or behavioral support.

Key Features of Sponsored Residential

Home-Like Environment: The individual becomes part of the caregiver's household, living in a family-oriented setting rather than a facility.

Personalized Care: The caregiver supports the individual's specific needs, such as personal care, behavioral support, medical assistance, and skill development.

Community Integration: Sponsored providers help individuals participate in local activities, build relationships, and develop independence in their community.

Focus on Relationships: The model emphasizes the emotional and social well-being of the individual, fostering long-term, meaningful connections with the caregiver and family members.

Smaller Ratio of Care: The individual receives one-on-one or highly focused care, allowing the provider to dedicate attention to their specific needs and goals.

How it Works?

Licensed Agencies: Agencies recruit and license caregivers to provide sponsored residential services in their homes.

Caregiver Matching: The agency matches the individual to a caregiver whose home, personality, and caregiving style align with the individual's needs and preferences.

Ongoing Support: The agency oversees and supports the provider with training, resources, and routine monitoring to ensure quality care.

Covered by Medicaid Waivers: In Virginia, this program is funded through Medicaid waivers such as the Community Living (CL) Waiver, which covers the cost of care, housing, and support services.

How to access it

Step 1: Determine Eligibility

- **Medicaid Waiver Eligibility:** To access Sponsored Residential services, the individual must qualify for one of Virginia's Medicaid Waivers, specifically the **Community Living (CL) Waiver** or **Building Independence Waiver**.
- **Eligibility Assessment:** Contact your local **Community Services Board (CSB)** to request a screening. The CSB will assess the individual's needs and determine if they qualify for waiver services.

Step 2: Apply for the Waiver

- **Waitlist:** If the individual qualifies, they may be placed on the **Waiver Waitlist**, as funding is limited. Priority is based on urgency of need.

Step 3: Work with a Case Manager

- Once you receive waiver approval, you'll be assigned a **Support Coordinator** or **Case Manager** through the CSB.
 - The Case Manager will help identify services, including Sponsored Residential, that align with the individual's needs and preferences.
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How to access it

Step 4: Find a Sponsored Residential Provider

- The Case Manager works with you to select a **provider agency** that offers Sponsored Residential services. These agencies are licensed to match individuals with caregivers who provide the home and support.
- **Matching Process:** The agency assesses the individual's personality, preferences, needs, and goals to find a compatible caregiver and home environment.

Step 5: Meet the Caregiver

- Before placement, you'll have the opportunity to meet potential caregivers and visit their homes. This ensures the caregiver and their household are a good fit for the individual.

Step 6: Move-In and Support

- Once a match is made, the individual moves into the caregiver's home. The provider agency continues to monitor the placement, offer training and support to the caregiver, and ensure the individual's needs are met.
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My Personal Experience

1. The relationships I have built with my client and family.
 2. Growth and Progress of my client.
 3. Personal Growth
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Questions?

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