



TITLE: Licensed Residential

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Licensed residential services are designed to provide supervised living arrangements for children and adults with developmental disabilities in other than their own home or the home of their parents. Residential options covered by this policy include foster homes, community care homes, and health care settings.

When a licensed living arrangement is the chosen option, the person with a developmental disability is referred to a setting that offers the least restrictive environment while providing the appropriate level of service and support. The regional center makes every effort to offer living options that are similar to typical homes and are located in typical residential neighborhoods.

The regional center makes every effort to coordinate services and supports that allow families to maintain their minor child with a developmental disability at home. If a family chooses a licensed living arrangement for their child, every effort is made to find a home geographically close to the family home.

Residential service providers are required to provide services and supports that maximize client growth, self-sufficiency, and independence; that take place in natural environments; and that ensure health and physical and emotional well being of each resident.

If the client and his planning team agree that a licensed home is the preferred living option, the regional center will subsidize the purchase of that service if the home's program design, Alternative Residential Model (ARM) level, and license meet the needs of the person. The amount that the regional center contributes to the purchase of the residential service is determined according to the following guidelines:

- If the client is a minor child, the regional center purchases the residential services and Department of Developmental Services assesses the family a parental fee, based on their ability to pay.
- If the client is eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, or other pension, that income is applied toward the cost of residential care. The regional center supplements that amount to cover costs of treatment and supervision. The Personal and Incidental (P&I) Funds are not used towards the cost of residential care.
- If the client has access to other financial resources such as a trust or legal settlement, and if provisions of the trust or settlement do not prohibit it, those resources are used to pay the cost of residential services.
- If the client is not eligible for SSI and has no other financial resources, the regional center pays for the full cost of the residential services.