

## Community Pathways – Revised Draft Proposal

Service Type: Statutory Service

Service (Name): Residential Habilitation

Alternative Service Title: **COMMUNITY LIVING—GROUP HOMES**

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.

Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.

Service is not included in the approved waiver.

### Service Definition:

- A. Community Living Group Home services provide the participant with development and maintenance of skills related to activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, and socialization, through application of formal teaching methods in a community residential setting.
1. Skills to be developed or maintained under this service will be determined based on the participant's individualized goals and outcomes as documented in his or her person-centered plan.
  2. Formal teaching methods are used such as systematic instruction.
  3. This service will provide the participant with opportunities to develop skills related to activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, and vocation and socialization including, but not limited to:
    - i. Learning socially acceptable behavior;
    - ii. Learning effective communication;
    - iii. Learning self-direction and problem solving;
    - iv. Engaging in safety practices;
    - v. Performing household chores in a safe and effective manner;
    - vi. Performing self-care; and
    - vii. Learning skills for employment.
- B. Community Living Group Home services include coordination, training, supports, or supervision (as indicated in the Person Centered Plan) related to development and maintenance of the participant's skills.
- C. Transportation to and from and within this service is included within the services. Transportation will be provided or arranged by the licensed provider and funded through the rate system. The licensee shall use the mode of transportation which achieves the least costly, and most appropriate, means of transportation for the individual with priority given to the use of public transportation when appropriate.
- D. Services are provided in a provider owned or operated group home setting.

## SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Participants must be preauthorized by the DDA based on documented level of supports needed.
- B. The provider must ensure that the home and community-based setting in which the services are provided comply with all applicable federal, State, and local law and regulation , including, but not limited to, 42 C.F.R. § 441.301(c)(4), as amended.
- C. Services may be provided to no more than four (4) individuals (including the participant) in one home unless approved by the DDA.
- D. Community Living - Group Home trial experience for people transitioning from an institutional or non-residential site on a temporary, trial basis.
  1. Service must be preauthorized by the DDA.
  2. Services may be provided for a maximum of seven (7) days or overnight stays within the 180 day period in advance of their move.
  3. When services are furnished to individuals returning to the community from a Medicaid institutional setting through entrance to the waiver, the costs of such services are considered to be incurred and billable when the individual leaves the institutional setting and enters the waiver.
  4. The individual must be reasonably expected to be eligible for and to enroll in the waiver. If for any unseen reason, the individual does not enroll in the waiver (e.g., due to death or a significant change in condition); services may be billed to Medicaid as an administrative cost.
- E. A Residential Retainer Fees is available for up to 30 days per year per recipient when the recipient is unable to receive services due to hospitalization, behavioral respite, or family visits.
- F. Community Living – Group Home services shall be provided for at least 6 hours a day to a participant or when the participant spends the night in the residential home.
- G. The Medicaid payment for Community Living - Group Home service may not include either of the following items which the provider is expected to collect from the participant:
  1. Room and board; or
  2. Any assessed amount of contribution by the participant for the cost of care.
- H. As defined in Appendix C-2, the following individuals may not be paid either directly or indirectly (via a licensed provider) to provide this service: legally responsible person, spouse, legal guardian, or relatives.
- I. Prior to accessing DDA funding for this service, all other available and appropriate funding sources, including but not limited to those offered by Maryland’s State Plan, Division of Rehabilitation Services (“DORS”), State Department of Education, and Department of Human Services, must be explored and exhausted. These efforts must be documented in the participant’s file.
- J. To the extent any listed services are covered under the Medicaid State Plan, the services under the waiver will be limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the Medicaid State Plan, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

Community Living - Group Home Retainer Fees is limited to up to 30 days per year per recipient.

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)**

Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E

Provider Managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):**

Legally Responsible Person

Relative

Legal Guardian

**Provider Specifications:** (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	Community Living- Group Home Provider

**Provider Category:** Agency

**Provider Type:** Community Living- Group Home Provider

**Provider Qualifications License (specify):**

Licensed DDA Community Residential Services Provider as per COMAR Title 10 Chapter 22

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**

Staff must:

1. Be trained on person-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information);
2. Possess current appropriate licenses/certifications as required by regulations based on service provided and needs of the person at time of service; and
3. Successfully pass a criminal background investigation and any other required background checks and credential verifications as provided in Appendix C-2-1a.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**

- DDA for verification of Provider’s license to provide this service, including the individual licensed site

- Provider for individual staff members' licenses, certifications, and training

**Frequency of Verification:**

- DDA - prior to service delivery and annually thereafter
- Provider – prior to service delivery and annually thereafter

Renewal Proposal