

FACT SHEET

About Supervised Group Living



Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Bureau of Disabilities Services

Supervised Group Living, also known as group homes, is a residential option available to eligible individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Typically, there are five to eight individuals in one SGL setting. The setting and services provided in a Supervised Group Living placement can vary depending on the individual's age, support needs and interests.

SGLs provide an opportunity to support health and safety needs, foster friendships and shared interests, promote person-centered planning and practices, encourage community inclusion activities, increase independence and assist individuals in identifying and pursuing life goals.

The setting, services, and staffing provided in a SGL can vary depending on the individual's age, interests, as well as physical, behavioral and medical support needs.

Homes are licensed and governed by state and federal regulations and have an annual recertification completed by the Indiana Department of Health to assure standards of care are met in the areas of administration, protecting individual rights, adequate staffing, active treatment, behavioral support, health care coordination, dietary needs and house maintenance.

SGLs provide 24/7 residential supports and are reimbursed by a per diem rate specific to the group home address. The homes are owned or leased by the provider and the cost per day, per person, is paid by Medicaid; therefore, a compatible Medicaid category is required. The daily per diem rate includes staff support, room and board (including utilities, transportation, food, repairs, furniture, durable medical equipment, general household items), day services, transportation, nursing services, and behavioral management services.

Am I eligible?

To qualify for SGL placement, you must have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability, developmental disability or related condition with an onset prior to the age of 22 years and the condition must be expected to continue indefinitely.

You must meet Level of Care. Level of Care is determined by assessing six major life areas: self-care, learning, self-direction, capacity for independent living, understanding and use of language, and mobility. You must exhibit substantial functional limitations in at least three of the six areas.

You must also meet the requirements of eligibility for a compatible Medicaid category.

You may NOT receive Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services while in a SGL placement.

How do I apply?

You may contact your local BDS office and request an application. To find your local office, you may call 800-545-7763 or visit www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4088.htm. The Bureau of Disabilities Services staff are available to answer any of your questions.

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Disabilities Services recognizes the challenges individuals and families face and value a person's right to live, love, work, play and pursue their dreams in their community.

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