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### Home Study Requirements

- Certificate of Occupancy for Residence
- Copy of floor plans for the home which include room dimensions (can be hand written by you)
- Copies of your home owner's insurance
- Copies of your vehicle insurance
- Overall, residence is clean, in good repair, rooms dry and well ventilated
- First Aid Kit available (includes, thermometer, sterile gauze, tweezers, saline, cold pack, band aids, first aid cream, tape, gloves, bandages, hand sanitizer, scissors, CPR barrier mask, poison control information).
- Fire extinguishers present and charged; flashlight available as needed
- Living area is accessible and clean
- Bedroom is accessible and has no less than 80 sq. feet for one or 120 sq. feet for two, no more than two people will share bedroom; doors/windows allow for privacy
- Bed is clean, comfortable and equipped with linens, pillow etc.
- Bathroom is accessible without travel through another bedroom; clean/allows for privacy
- At least one toilet/basin/shower or bath is accessible for every four people living in house
- Water temperature is maintained between 100-110 degrees
- Ceiling Height in all rooms is at least 7.5 feet
- Telephone is available/accessible in emergencies
- Adequate space available for privacy and storage
- Rooms below ground level meet building code requirements
- Door locking devices and arrangements allow for prompt release in case of emergency
- Public water/sewage or, if not, water/sewage inspected and approved by health department
- Non-public water sample tested for chloroform, etc. as recommended by HD (must update annually)
- Any weapons on premises are under secure lock with no access for individual allowed
- Number of individuals living in household is no greater than seven



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### What is the ID Sponsor Home Program?

The Sponsor Home Program offers individuals with intellectual disability the opportunity to live in a licensed sponsored family home in their community. Sponsor home settings offer a nurturing and supportive home environment focusing on supports to increase the individual's independence, health, safety, and community involvement. Sponsor home providers contract with HCS to provide room, board, and supervision and teach independent living skills. HCS provides training, staff support, and 24-hour crisis intervention. Sponsor home families receive a monthly stipend (the amount is based in the needs of the individual).

Individuals are referred to the Sponsor Home Program for several reasons: parents can no longer provide the level of care needed; the individual is returning to the community from an institution or hospital setting; or the individual has issues that require significant one-on-one attention.

HCS emphasizes the Person Centered Approach that empowers and supports each individual in developing his or her own lifestyle.

#### What is the process for becoming a Sponsor Home?

1. You must first complete a Sponsor Home Provider application.
2. An interview will be then scheduled after the application has been received.
3. Once an interview is conducted, you will be contacted to complete all required paperwork.
4. A home study will be completed by both HCS and a state licensure specialist to ensure that your home meets all necessary requirements.
5. You will then complete required training prior to an individual being placed with you.
6. Once training is complete, a contract will be signed for you to become a Sponsor Home Provider.
7. You will be matched with an individual that would be a good fit for your home through meetings in various settings to include day, evening, and overnight visits.

#### Specific Sponsor Home Contractor requirements include:

- Person interested in being the primary provider must complete the application and be at least 25 years of age.
- Background checks are required for all adult individuals living in the home.
- Must prove that home is financially self sufficient and that living expenses for 3 months can be met. This can include equity, retirement funds, lines of credit, etc.
- All required training must be complete before individual(s) move into the home, and training must be maintained as required. Trainings include: 1st aid, CPR, Medication Management, MANDT, Human Rights, Blood Borne Pathogens, Defensive Driving, Privacy and Compliance, Cultural Diversity, and Disability Specific Training. Trainings are available through HCS.
- Orientation to program services provided by HCS.
- Complete daily documentation related to services for individuals living within the home.
- Provide 24-hour care for individuals living in the home including working on individual's training goals and objectives and providing general supervision for health and safety.

#### Sponsor Home benefits include:

- Having the rewarding opportunity to give an individual with intellectual disability a home environment to live and gain skills and independence. Essentially, as a provider, you will be helping them to have a "life like yours".
- The assurance of 24/7 on-call services and HCS supervision of the home.
- Financial reimbursement based on a percentage of approved funding through the individual's Medicaid waiver service. A Sponsor Home Provider will also collect room and board cost of the individual(s) residing in their home location to offset household and food expenses.