



Harbor Regional Center Service Policy LICENSED LIVING OPTIONS

Licensed living options are designed to provide supervised living arrangements for children and adults with developmental disabilities in other than the individual's own home or that of his parents. Licensed residential options can include, but are not limited to, foster homes, group homes, health care settings and state developmental centers.

When a licensed living option is chosen, the person with a developmental disability will be referred to the licensed living setting that is the least restrictive environment and offers a level of service and support consistent with the individual's current needs and abilities. Harbor Regional Center will make every effort to offer licensed living options that are similar to typical homes and that are located in typical neighborhoods. Licensed home operators shall provide services and supports that maximize client growth, self-sufficiency and independence that take place in natural environments and that make provisions for adequate health care and for the overall physical and emotional well-being of each individual.

It is the philosophy of Harbor Regional Center that families should be assisted to maintain their minor child with a developmental disability at home. Accordingly, every effort will be made to coordinate services and supports that allow families to realize this objective. However, when a licensed alternative living arrangement is chosen by the family, efforts will be made to have the child live geographically as close to his family as possible.

Those children and adults with developmental disabilities eligible for Supplemental Security Income will use their SSI to pay for residential services and supports. In addition, some licensed homes are funded entirely by Medi-Cal. When neither Supplemental Security Income nor Medi-Cal is available or is insufficient to obtain the appropriate living option, Harbor Regional Center will purchase the needed residential services and supports.

When minors move to a licensed home, as required by law, parents will be assessed a reimbursement or parental fee, on a sliding scale by the Department of Developmental Services.

Infants who are at risk for a developmental disability or who show developmental delays, but have not been diagnosed with a developmental disability and require long term residential services and supports shall be referred to the Department of Children and Family Services. Harbor Regional Center will provide licensed services and supports only on an exception basis when a temporary residence (not more than 3 months) is required in order for the family to organize their home situation to accommodate care for the child.

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