

# Residential Setting Selection Checklist

these are exploratory questions to help a provider assess if the setting has HCBS required characteristics

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## **1. The setting was selected by the individual.**

- ✓ Was the individual given a choice of available options regarding where to live/receive services? Is this documented?
- ✓ Was the individual given opportunities to visit other settings including non-disability specific sites? Is this documented?
- ✓ Does the setting reflect the individual's needs and preferences? Is this documented in the person-centered plan?

## **2. The individual has their own bedroom or shares a room with roommate(s) of choice.**

- ✓ Was the individual given a choice of roommate(s)?
- ✓ Does the individual talk about their roommate(s) in a positive manner?
- ✓ Does the individual express a desire to remain in a room with their roommate(s)?
- ✓ Do married couples share or not share a room by choice?
- ✓ Does the individual know how to request a roommate(s) change if they want?

## **3. Individuals furnish and decorate their sleeping and/or living units in the way they want.**

- ✓ Are the individual's personal items, such as pictures, books, and memorabilia present and arranged as they desire?
- ✓ Does the furniture, linens, and other household items reflect the individual's personal choices?
- ✓ Do the individual's living areas reflect their interests and hobbies?

## **4. There is a legally enforceable agreement for the unit or dwelling where the individual resides.**

- ✓ Does the Individual have a lease or rental agreement?
- ✓ Does the individual have a lease for settings in which landlord tenant laws do not apply or a written residency agreement?
- ✓ Does the individual know their rights regarding housing and when they could be required to relocate?

## **5. Individuals are protected from eviction and afforded appeal rights in the same manner as all persons in the State who are not receiving Medicaid HCBS.**

- ✓ Do individuals know their rights regarding housing and when they could be required to relocate?

- ✓ Do individuals know how to relocate and request new housing?
- ✓ Does the written agreement include language that provides protections to address eviction processes and appeals comparable to those provided under the jurisdiction's landlord tenant laws?

**6. Individual choices are incorporated into the services and supports received.**

- ✓ Do staff ask the individual about their needs and preferences?
- ✓ Are individuals made aware of how to make a service request?
- ✓ Does the setting evaluate individual satisfaction with the services being received?
- ✓ How are requests for services and supports accommodated?
- ✓ How is individual choice facilitated in a manner that leaves the individual feeling empowered to make decisions?

**7. The setting is an environment that supports individual comfort, independence and preferences.**

- ✓ Is (written and oral) communication provided in a language that the individual understands?

**8. The individual has unrestricted access in the setting.**

- ✓ Do individuals have full access to typical facilities in a house or apartment such as a kitchen with cooking facilities, accessible bathroom, eating area, laundry area and comfortable seating?
- ✓ Is the setting physically accessible with no obstructions such as steps, lips in a doorway, narrow hallways, etc., limiting an individual's mobility in the setting? If these limitations are present, are there environmental adaptations such as a stair lift or elevator to overcome the obstruction for the individual?
- ✓ Are there gates, Velcro strips, locked doors or other barriers that would prevent an individual's entrance to or exit from certain areas of the setting?
- ✓ Are individuals receiving HCBS helped in accessing amenities such as a pool or gym used by others at the setting (if applicable)?

**9. The physical environment meets the needs of those individuals who require supports.**

- ✓ For those individuals who need supports to move about the setting as they choose, are supports provided, such as grab bars, seats in the bathroom, ramps for wheel chairs, feasible exits for emergencies, etc.?
- ✓ Are appliances accessible to individuals (e.g., the washer/dryer are front loading for individuals in wheelchairs)?
- ✓ Are tables and chairs at a convenient height and location so that individuals can access and use the furniture comfortably?

