



Updated Eligibility Guidance for Residential Placement Incentives

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Background

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is issuing this updated and supplementary guidance regarding eligibility for **outcome-based payments** for new residential placements as described in [Policy Updates to Promote New Program Development in ALTR](#) published December 2, 2022. These eligibility standards clarify and supersede those stated in previous guidance.

The Department's intent is that this policy leads to permanent expansion of residential capacity and that individuals are placed into sites that are intended to be their long-term home.

This policy applies to both Adult Long Term Residential Services (3153) and ABI/MFP Residential Services (3751).

Eligibility Criteria

Providers are eligible for payments if individuals are placed into newly developed sites, or placed into an existing vacancy, pursuant to the following eligibility and exclusion criteria:

1. Individual is prioritized by DDS as a Residential Priority 1
 - Prioritization is not applicable/required for participants in ABI / MFP waiver programs
2. Individual is being newly placed in an Adult Long Term Residential (ALTR) Program
 - Individuals who have never previously been placed in ALTR
 - Individuals who are transferring from a temporary placement
 - Individuals transferring from a Residential School
 - Individuals transferring from an Emergency Stabilization / Respite site
 - Individuals transferring from another type of residential support
 - Transfers from DDS Shared Living
 - Transfers from AFC
 - Transfers from other non-DDS funded residential support
3. Individual is transferring between providers and meets eligibility and approval criteria

Exclusions

The following scenarios are not eligible to receive residential placement incentive payments:

1. Individuals transferring between sites with the same provider
2. Individuals placed into a temporary living arrangement
 - Residential school placements pending a permanent placement
 - Emergency stabilization / respite placements

- Placements known to be temporary / short-term at the time of the placement
3. Individuals placed into vacancies that exist due to provider-initiated termination of services with previously placed individual

Transfers Between Providers

Individuals who meet the above eligibility criteria⁷ and who are transferred to a new provider, or are placed in vacancies that exist due to a previous transfer to a new provider, are eligible for a placement incentive of \$50,000. These cases must be approved by DDS prior to placements occurring in order to be eligible. The following instances may be eligible for placement incentives:

- The provider receiving the transferred individual is eligible for \$50,000 placement incentive.
- The provider sending the transfer may be eligible for \$50,000 placement incentive at such time that they place another eligible individual in the vacant slot generated by the transfer.
- Providers receiving transfers from DDS state-operated homes are eligible for \$50,000 placement incentive.

Providers are encouraged to confirm eligibility for incentive payments with the DDS Area Office or Regional ABI/MFP Director in cases where they are unsure of the individual's eligibility. DDS retains sole discretion in determination of eligibility based on these criteria.