



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

It's "Fee For Service," not "*Free* For Service"

Policy Solution in the Event the 20% Residential Supplemental Payment is Discontinued

ABCD agencies anticipate that some individuals will remain in their group homes either by choice or necessity for the remainder of the pandemic. If the 20% Residential Payment is discontinued, the public health emergency continues, and on weekday mornings and afternoons the individual chooses:

- To attend day program, the cost will be paid out of their budget.
- To attend lap swim at the YMCA, the cost will be paid out of their budget
- To return to work with Supportive Employment individual supports, the cost will be paid out of their budget.
- To remain in their group home, the cost will not be paid out of their budget but instead borne by the provider and free to the individual.

Our system is no longer contract based; It's "Fee For Service" not "*Free* For Service." If the 20% Residential Payment is discontinued, ABCD believes it is not only fair but also important for the individual to contribute from the resources in their budget to their care and services, no matter the location.

The following services should be permitted in group homes with prior authorization meeting the standards currently required under Individual Supports without the 1:1 staffing during the weekday mornings and afternoons for the remainder of the pandemic and until the system has recovered as evidenced by the return of pre-pandemic day program attendance numbers:

- Individual Supports;
- Non-Congregate Day Programs in group homes; and
- Community Inclusion.

We have learned the hard way during this pandemic, that under resourced programs and services are particularly vulnerable in times of crisis. It is necessary that we remain vigilant to ensure that the sustainability of IDD person-centered service system is not jeopardized now or in the future.

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