

S-483 HOME SHARING CAPACITY



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Policy

Preamble

Valoris wants to ensure that the adults receiving care under the Home Share program will receive the individual attention they require. The agency also ensures that the adults benefit from stability and exclusivity in their relationships with meaningful people in their lives. Assigning too many adults to one home may contribute to a placement disruption for the adult in care.

Policy

Maximum capacity for a family-type resource

The worker will determine the maximum capacity for the home upon approval of the home sharers, and again at the annual reassessment.

The number of adults who may receive relief services, in addition to other adults receiving care from the home sharer resource must respect this policy and may not exceed two (2) adults.

In order to determine the maximum capacity of a family-type resource, the worker must consider the following factors:

- The ability of home sharers to meet the physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs of the adult in care;
- The number of family members and their respective special needs;
- The amount of space available;
- The ability of home sharers to evacuate members of the household in case of emergency;
- The preferences expressed by home sharers.

Procedure

1. Network

The agency maintains an up-to-date network indicating the rate of occupation and availability of home sharers. This provides an estimate of the number of home sharing resources available by region in order to find the best match for adults needing a home.

2. Placement

Prior to placing a second adult in a home sharing resource, the worker for the adult already in care must be consulted in order to ensure that the stability of the placement

and the care the adult receives will not be jeopardized. The adult in care must also be consulted.

3. Required authorization

The Executive Director or a delegate must authorize in writing the placement of more than two adults who are related into the same home sharing resource. The written authorization will be placed in the home sharers' file.

Definitions

Home sharers : A family consisting of one or more persons in which a service agency places a person with an intellectual disability who has no relationship with this family, so that this person resides there and receives care, support and supervision for which the home sharers will be paid by the service agency.