



## Mississippi Department of Mental Health

### Provider Bulletin

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**Subject:** Orientation to Community Living Services

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#### Scope

All DMH Certified Providers of Supervised and/or Supported Living Services

#### Purpose

To provide clarification of expected implementation of Rule 30.2 B. and H. of the DMH Operational Standards

#### Subject

Rule 30.2, specifically items B and H, of the DMH Operational Standards require providers of community living services (i.e. Supervised and Supported Living Services) to conduct an orientation on the day of admission to the service that includes an opportunity to familiarize the person with the living arrangement and neighborhood.

Providers of Supervised and/or Supported Living Services should be aware that the orientation should include familiarization of the person with the risks and benefits associated with all amenities provided in a particular location. For example, people receiving Supervised and/or Supported Living Services in an apartment complex should be familiar with risks and benefits of the amenities available at the location such as swimming pool(s), fitness centers, car washing facilities, basketball court, etc. Another example would be that people receiving Supervised and/or Supported Living Services in a neighborhood home should be familiar with the risks and benefits of amenities available to the neighborhood such as a neighborhood fitness center, clubhouse, swimming pool, etc.

Additionally, providers of Supervised and/or Supported Living Services should be aware that the orientation should also include familiarization of the person with general health and safety information pertinent to the location. For example, individuals should be informed of where to meet staff in the event of a fire, the safe use of appliances, and the proximity of the program to high traffic areas, etc.

Please note that the orientation and the provision of the Community Living Handbook must both be documented as part of the person's case record, per DMH Standard Rule 30.2 B.

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