Mississippi Department of Mental Health HCBS Final Rule Onsite Assessment Tool –Residential

Visit Information

Date of assessment	
Start time of	
assessment	
End time of	
assessment	
Assessor name	

General Provider Information

Provider name	
Project-assigned provider ID	
Provider address	
Provider contact	
Number of people served	
Overall site capacity	
Service Type (Supervised, Shared	
Supported Living, Supported Living -	
Provider Owned or Controlled)	

HCBS Compliance

#	CMS HCBS Standard	Observational Guidance to Assess Compliance	Obser	vation	Evidence for Observation
1-A Community Integration	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is the site located in the community among other private residences or commercial businesses (retail, residential neighborhood, commercial, industrial, other)?	□ Yes	□ No	Describe the setting location.
1-B	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is the home surrounded by a high wall, fence, closed gate or locked gate?	□ Yes	□ No	Describe the fence/wall, etc. Is there a gate that prevents egress?
1-C	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is the home free from locked doors, gates, or other barriers which inhibit entry to or egress?	□Yes	□ No	
1-D	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is the home located in or adjacent to a building that is also a publicly or privately-operated facility that provides inpatient institutional treatment (NF, ICF/IID, IMD, hospital)?	□Yes	□ No	
1-E	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is there another site operated by the provider in the immediate area?	□Yes	□ No	

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1-F	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is the home the only one in the immediate area where people with disabilities live together?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-G	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Does the site provide onsite medical (office setting, a medical complex wellness center), behavioral, or therapeutic services?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-H	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Do people have the opportunity, if they are interested, to participate in outings with their housemates/roommates?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-1	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Do the individuals have the opportunity, if interested, to run errands independent of their housemates/roommates?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-J	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Do people go on outings with family members, friends, or other people important to them?	□ Yes	□ No	

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1-K	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Do people have access to community events only when planned by staff?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-L	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Are group and individual activities planned with input from the residents of the home rather than chosen by staff?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-M	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Does the setting afford opportunities for individual schedules that focus on the needs and desires of a person and an opportunity for individual growth?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-N	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Does the setting allow people the freedom to move about the setting, including the freedom to go outside as they chose?	□ Yes	□ No	
1-0	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Is the environment barrier free for people who have mobility issues?	□Yes	□ No	

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1-P	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Does the setting assure that tasks and activities, both inside and outside the setting, are comparable to tasks and activities for people of similar ages?	☐ Yes	□ No	
1-Q	The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community	Do people have access to their money at any time?	☐ Yes	□No	
2-A Choice of setting	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Does the setting provide individuals with flexibility in their schedule?	□Yes	□ No	
2-B	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Are activities adapted to individuals' needs and preferences?	□ Yes	□ No	
2-C	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Is the individual provided options when choosing the setting, including non-disability specific settings?	□ Yes	□ No	

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2-D	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Do the people have the option for a private bedroom? If not, were they informed of that before moving into the home.	□ Yes	□ No	
2-E	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Do the people who share bedrooms have a choice of roommates?	□ Yes	□ No	
2-F	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Does a person know who to talk to if they want to change roommates?	☐ Yes	□ No	
2-G	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Do people have a choice of housemates?	☐ Yes	□ No	
2-H	The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options	Can people decorate their bedrooms in the manner of their choosing?	□ Yes	□ No	

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3-A Individual Rights	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Can individuals choose to decorate common living areas of the home?	☐ Yes	□ No	
3-B	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Are furnishings clean, in good repair and up to date?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-C	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the home ensure all information about the people living there is kept private/confidential?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-D	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the setting ensure health information is only discussed with the person or those authorized?	□Yes	□ No	

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3-E	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Are activities such as personal hygiene, blood pressure readings, and medication management, when needed, provided in private?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-F	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Are individual schedules (e.g. PT, OT, diet restrictions, medications) kept private?	□Yes	□ No	
3-G	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the setting ensure staff interacts and communicates with people respectfully and in a manner in which the person would like to be addressed at all times?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-H	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the setting/service provide the opportunity for all people to have the space in order to speak on the telephone, open and read mail, and visit with others in private?	□ Yes	□ No	

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3-1	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the setting ensure response to each person's needs and preferences as defined in their personcentered Plan of Services and Supports/Activity Support Plan?	☐ Yes	□ No	
3-J	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the setting ensure that one person's behavior supports do not impede on the rights of others?	☐ Yes	□ No	
3-K	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the setting offer a secure place for each person to store their belongings?	□Yes	□ No	
3-L	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Are individuals informed of their rights upon admission and annually thereafter?	☐ Yes	□ No	

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3-M	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Are people informed of the process for filing grievances or complaints upon admission and annually thereafter?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-N	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Are people able to freely express complaints without fear of staff-imposed consequences?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-0	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Is the site free from postings of employee information (such as labor standards and minimum wage posters) in common areas and visible to residents?	□ Yes	□ No	
3-P	The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	Does the site prohibit the use of unauthorized restraining interventions such as seclusion, physical restraints, chemical restraints, or locked doors?	☐ Yes	□ No	

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4-A Autonomy and Independence	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Does the setting have any of the following barriers preventing people's movement around the home? -Gates -Locked doors -Fences -Other (please specify under Evidence for Observation)	□ Yes	□ No	
4-B	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Does the setting offer any options for the people to meet physical environment goals and needs? -indoor gathering space -outdoor gathering space -large group activity space -small group activity space -private space -area for calming activities -area for stimulating activities	□ Yes	□ No	

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4-C	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Does the setting afford the opportunity for tasks and activities that match to the following attributes for people in the home? -age -skills -abilities -desires/goals	□ Yes	□ No	
4-D	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Is the setting physically accessible, including access to bathrooms and common areas?	□ Yes	□ No	

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4-E	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Does the setting provide for an alternative meal and/or private dining if requested?	□ Yes	□ No	
4-F	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Do people have access to food at any time?	□ Yes	□ No	

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4-G	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Does the setting allow people to choose with whom they spend their time while at home?	□ Yes	□ No	
4-H	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Does the setting support people to do the following? -Make decisions -Move about the community -Associate with others -Practice their religion -Access their money -Make personal decisions -Vote	□ Yes	□ No	

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4-1	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Do people have the choice to remain at home during the day rather than be required to participate in day programs or employment?	□ Yes	□ No	
4-J		Do people have the choice to stay home when housemates want to go out? Is staff available to support that choice?			
4-K	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Are people in the home given the choice to participate in menu planning and cooking activities?	□ Yes	□ No	

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4-L	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Are people given the choice to participate in laundry, cleaning, or other household chores?	□ Yes	□ No	
4-M	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Do people have flexibility with wake-up times when they do not have a scheduled activity such as work? (ex: weekends, do not want to go to day program, etc.)	□ Yes	□ No	

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4-N	The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	Do people have a choice in when they go to their rooms or to bed each evening?	□ Yes	□ No	
5-A Choice of Services	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Can a person choose which of the setting's employees provide his/her services? Example: A person requests that all personal care services for her be conducted by female employees. Is that request met?	□ Yes	□ No	
5-B	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Can someone who is interested in living in the home tour the setting before moving in?	□ Yes	□ No	

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5-C	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Does the setting afford people the opportunity to regularly and periodically update or change their work/daily activities?	□ Yes	□ No	
5-D	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Does the site have person- centered policies and practices to ensure people are supported in developing plans to support their needs and preferences?	□Yes	□ No	
5-E	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Does the provider ensure all staff is knowledgeable about the capabilities, interests, preferences, and needs of all people?	□ Yes	□ No	
5-F	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Do staff at the home provide information about how to make a request for additional services or changes to their Activity Support Plan?	□ Yes	□ No	

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5-G	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Do people receiving services and their representatives participate in their planning meetings?	□ Yes	□ No	
6-A Landlord Tenant Rights	The unit or dwelling is a specific physical place that can be owned, rented, or occupied under a legally enforceable agreement by the waiver participant, and the waiver participant has, at a minimum, the same responsibilities and protections from eviction that tenants have under the landlord/tenant law of New York.	Does everyone have a legally enforceable lease or agreement?	□ Yes	□ No	
7-A Privacy	Each individual has privacy in their sleeping or living unit	Do people have keys to their rooms, unless otherwise specified in their plan?	□ Yes	□ No	
7-B	Each individual has privacy in their sleeping or living unit	Do people have keys to the home/apartment, unless otherwise specified in their plan?	□ Yes	□No	

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7-C	Each individual has privacy in their sleeping or living unit	Can people lock the bathroom door, unless otherwise specified in their plan?	□ Yes	□ No	
8-A Self Determination	Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own scheduled and activities, and have access to food at any time	Do people have the flexibility to eat meals at the time of their own choosing?	□ Yes	□ No	
8-B	Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own scheduled and activities, and have access to food at any time	Are individuals able to eat out the location of their choosing, if their resources allow?	□ Yes	□ No	
8-C	Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own scheduled and activities, and have access to food at any time	Can people eat wherever they would like? Not assigned a specific seat for dining? In their rooms?	□ Yes	□ No	
8-D	Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own scheduled and activities, and have access to food at any time	Do people have access to food items throughout the day without requesting these items from staff? If not, is this restriction documented appropriately in the personcentered service plan?	□ Yes	□ No	

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9-A Visitors	Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.	Are visitors required to sign in or out?	□ Yes	□ No	
9-B	Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.	Can people have visitors over at any time they choose?	□ Yes	□ No	
9-C	Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.	Are people afforded a private place to meet their visitors?	□ Yes	□ No	
9-D	Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.	Does the site have a method to allow guests to enter the location without the assistance of staff?	□ Yes	□ No	
10-A Physical Accessibility	The setting is physically accessible to the individual	Is the setting physically accessible for people who have a physical disability (e.g. a ramp is in place if a resident uses a wheelchair, roll-in shower)?	☐ Yes	□ No	
10-B	The setting is physically accessible to the individual	Do all people have access to all common areas of the house (i.e. there are not stairs in a home that a resident in a wheelchair cannot use thus keeping them out of a portion of the home)?	□ Yes	□ No	

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10-C	The setting is physically accessible to the individual	Are assistive devices (e.g. sight and hearing impairment devices) available for people who require them to move or access the setting?	□ Yes	□ No	
Individual Questions 11A	Individual participant questions	Do you go to community events to do things you like to do?	□ Yes	□ No	
11B	Individual participant questions	Do you go on errands (drug store, shopping for clothing, etc.) in the community if you are want to? Who do you go with?	□ Yes	□ No	
11C	Individual participant questions	Do you have to do errands with everyone in the home when you don't want to?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11D	Individual participant questions	Did you choose this home or apartment?	☐ Yes	□No	
11E	Individual participant questions	Was there another place you wanted to live?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11F	Individual participant questions	Did you get to choose to have a private bedroom? If not, was this explained to you before you moved in?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11G	Individual participant questions	If you are unhappy with staff, do you feel safe enough to tell someone?	□ Yes	□ No	

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11H	Individual participant questions	Do you know what to do if you have a problem?	☐ Yes	□ No	
111	Individual participant questions	Has anyone given you a telephone number you can call if you have a problem?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11J	Individual participant questions	Are you able to use the phone in private?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11K	Individual participant questions	Are you able to get your own mail if you choose?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11L	Individual participant questions	Are you able to keep things that are important to you /valuable (such as photos, or mementos) locked up?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11M	Individual participant questions	Do you make decisions about what you want to do, when and where you go and who you see?	□ Yes	□ No	
11N	Individual participant questions	Are you able to eat what you want to eat? If not, why?	□ Yes	□ No	
110	Individual participant questions	Do you get to eat at the time you want?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11P	Individual participant questions	Are you able to eat where you want and with whom you want (e.g. in a place other than the dining room or kitchen)?	□ Yes	□ No	

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11Q	Individual participant questions	Do you always have to sit by the same person?	□ Yes	□ No			
11R	Individual participant questions	Do you have to go to bed at a certain time? Wake up at a certain time?	□ Yes	□ No			
118	Individual participant questions	Do you go to the planning meeting?	☐ Yes	□ No			
11T	Individual participant questions	Do you get to decide on who is invited to your planning meeting?	□ Yes	□ No			
11U	Individual participant questions	Does anyone else come to your meeting (family, friends, others)?	☐ Yes	□ No			
11V	Individual participant questions	Do you think you are listened to during the person-centered care planning meeting?	□ Yes	□ No			
11W	Individual participant questions	Does your service plan include things that are important to you?	□ Yes	□ No			

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11X	Individual participant questions	If you later wanted to change some of your services, do you know who to talk to?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11Y	Individual participant questions	Do you have a key to where you live?	☐ Yes	□ No	
11Z	Individual participant questions	If you do not have a key, do you want one?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12A	Individual participant questions	Can you close and lock your bedroom door?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12B	Individual participant questions	Do you have a key to your bedroom?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12C	Individual participant questions	Can you close and lock your bathroom door?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12D	Individual participant questions	When other people in the home go out to do an activity or to run an errand, do you have to go if you don't want to?	□ Yes	□ No	

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12E	Individual participant questions	Do you get to help decide what activities you get to do or restaurants you go to?	□ Yes	□ No	
12F	Individual participant questions	Can you have visitors come to the house whenever you want?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12G	Individual participant questions	Are you able to let your visitors in the house?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12H	Individual participant questions	Are you able to get your hair cut when you want and in the style you want?	☐ Yes	□ No	
121	Individual participant questions	Do you get to control/keep you own money?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12J	Individual participant questions	If no to question above: Do you know how to ask for your money?	☐ Yes	□ No	
12K	Individual participant questions	Can you get money when you ask for it?	☐ Yes	□ No	

Did you observe anything while onsite that should be noted for that could not be captured in the parameters above concerning compliance with the federal Medicaid regulations? These could include, but not limited to, obvious unmet needs of individuals or indications from an individual that they did not receive an option of settings or services.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS: