

Concerns with HIRC's as Medicaid providers.

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Concern	Action Needed
Name of License – Home for Individual Residential Care	<p>Allowed: Residential Facilities for Groups</p> <p>Policy and Waiver Changes to allow both licenses. Implementation no sooner than July 1, 2015; however, before this would happen, some regulatory changes are required.</p>
Skilled services vs. unskilled services	<p>This is a social model which means the rates are set for this model. Social model means no skilled services, only unskilled like ADL's and IADL's. Rates are tiered in 3 levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20/day 2) 45/day 3) 60/day <p>A change in rate structure requires a policy/white paper with budget impact analysis. Implementation no sooner than July 1, 2017.</p> <p>Note: Room and board is not covered by Medicaid for any waiver service.</p>
Alzheimer's endorsement	<p>HQCQ currently endorses those Residential Facilities for Groups who accept Alzheimer's or Dementia individuals which allows those home to take those individuals. (Additional caregiver training and safety precautions are needed).</p> <p>Regulatory change required.</p>
Caregiver Training and other requirements	<p>Under Residential Facilities for Groups: Caregivers are required to have a certain amount of training, have background checks (which is already in place for HIRCs), and annual TB tests. If an owner or administrator is providing direct care to recipients, they must follow training and all other requirements.</p> <p>At least one person must have med tech training in order to administer medications.</p> <p>Regulatory change required.</p>
Serious Occurrence Reporting	<p>Another safeguard in place is serious occurrence reporting. There is an entire policy on this.</p> <p>No changes required, just compliance by all providers.</p>

Director Qualifications	<p>Under Residential Facilities for Groups – the director/owner/administrator is ultimately responsible for everything that occurs within the home to include verification of caregiver qualifications, and recipient safety which is why there are additional qualifications under Residential Facilities for Groups.</p> <p>Regulatory change is required.</p>
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