



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Contracted Group Homes

The Division of Developmental Disabilities contracts with Qualified Vendors to provide licensed group homes. Group Homes have services and supports to meet the physical and emotional needs of individuals on a 24-hour basis. Staffing levels and supervision are determined by the Division based on individual needs. Each group home has up to six people. Most group homes have three to four people. Transportation to employment or day program and other reasonable transportation is provided by the group home. The Division may authorize intermittent nursing supports as needed (e.g., administration of insulin injections).

There are over 1,000 licensed group homes in Arizona.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) licenses DDD-contracted group homes. Each group home must meet the fire and safety requirements and:

- have safe and working systems (heating, cooling, electricity);
- be easy to enter and leave, clean, and sanitary;
- have proper storage for medication;
- comply with vehicle safety requirements; and
- be free of potential hazards and danger.

The Division monitors group homes at least once a year. The reviews include a check of personnel and individual's records, policies and practices, individual health, medication storage, rights of individuals, and safety requirements. Division employees do reviews at the group home site. Support Coordinators visit at least two times a year with members at their home to review and update their Planning Document.

State law requires individuals receiving income or benefits to contribute to the cost of their residential support. This is called residential billing. An individual is billed up to 70% of benefits to offset room and board expenses. The amount billed will not be more than the actual cost of room and board.