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**The Sponsored Residential
model of service was first
implemented in Virginia in July
of 1991.**

**Until 2015 – this service was
reimbursed with parity to group
homes.**

The Burns and Associates Rate Study commissioned by the DBHDS unfairly devalued this service model based on incorrect assumptions. The reimbursement rate was decoupled from the group home rate on July 1, 2015.



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We must be able to offer adequate payment to recruit and retain the professional contract family providers to do this important work.

They are needed now, more than ever, at a time when institutions are closing and community members are waiting for services.



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There are many stories from individuals and their families about how group homes, independent living and other service models could not meet the support needs of the people we are serving in sponsored residential due to complex medical, behavioral or other adaptive needs.



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A Sponsored Residential Service is delivered by a contracted professional in a typical family home, with over-sight provided by a licensed agency. This model of service delivers the highest quality and most intensive care available in the community.



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The family provides:

- **Socialization and enculturation**
- **A bonded, committed, long-term relationship**
- **The potential for a long-term continuous therapeutic relationship**
- **Full integration of the individual into the life of the family, neighborhood and community**

The family provides:

- A comprehensive array of intensive, coordinated services across all domains of care needs including
 - ✓ Housing
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Training
 - ✓ Support and supervision
 - ✓ Medical coordination and medication administration
 - ✓ Food service
 - ✓ Recreation
 - ✓ Financial management
 - ✓ Documentation of service delivery
 - ✓ Vacations planning and implementation
 - ✓ Emergency response
 - ✓ Support during hospitalization
 - ✓ Informal counseling
 - ✓ Emotional support



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The individuals who receive support in a sponsored residential service, may receive traditional day support services or be provided an active schedule of activity arranged by the contracted family provider. Including paid employment or volunteer work in the community.





To get this level of quality, intensity and individuality is not easy, inexpensive or something that just anyone can do. The professional families who deliver this service must receive a high level of support and resources to do their jobs. These professionals make an enormous commitment and must have special capabilities to bring a person with significant disabilities and emotional needs into their home.



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Sponsored residential agencies are required to implement the service plan for the individual and to meet the same licensing, Medicaid and Human Rights standards as the group home model of service.



We ask that this subcommittee join us in support of this important service option for Virginia's most vulnerable citizens.



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Sponsored Residential

- Same Individual who receives support
- Same Service (smaller, more individualized)
- Same Reimbursement Rate – parity with 4 bed group home rates.

**Please add funds to the budget
to restore parity in rates for
Sponsored Residential Services.**



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The chart below is an estimate of the cost of parity for sponsored residential services with 4 bed group homes, estimated by using DBHDs charts (Attached). \$15,487,121 annually is the approximate number needed for parity.

Rest of state

Tier	Members x Annual Difference	Annual Total
Tier 1	45 x \$24,004	\$1,080,180
Tier 2	234 x \$20,392	\$4,750,668
Tier 3	557 x \$10,891	\$6,066,287
Tier 4	279 x \$4,874	\$1,359,846
Total	1,115	\$13,256,981

NoVA

Tier	Members x Annual Difference	Annual Amount
Tier 1	3 x \$34,338	\$103,014
Tier 2	18 x \$33,196	\$597,528
Tier 3	42 x \$25,150	\$1,056,300
Tier 4	21 x \$ 22,538	\$473,298
Total	84	\$2,230,140.00



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