



Residential Performance-Based Contracting: Admissions of Individuals who are Needs Group 5 (NG5) or Greater

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AUDIENCE:

- Individuals and Families
- Providers of Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing and/or Supported Living Services in the Consolidated and/or Community Living Waivers
- Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)
- Administrative Entities (AEs)
- All Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the performance-based contracting requirement for admissions of individuals, who are NG5 or greater, to a provider of Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living services (hereafter referred to as residential providers).

DISCUSSION:

Performance measure RD.01.1 currently states that primary providers may not accept NEW referrals for individuals who are NG5 or greater starting January 1, 2026. This requirement will be delayed as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2028, Primary providers may not accept NEW referrals for individuals N5 or greater. This does not apply to individuals NG5 or greater receiving residential services prior to January 1, 2028, or individuals where the needs assessment results in an increase in Needs Group.

Though it is permissible for AEs and SCOs to refer individuals in NG5 to a Primary provider prior to December 31, 2027, AEs and SCOs may elect to limit referrals of individuals with NG5 to Select and Clinically Enhanced providers.

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