


<b>CHAPTER</b> Service Delivery	<b>CHAPTER</b> 02	<b>SECTION</b> 001	<b>SUBJECT</b> 20
<b>SECTION</b> Treatment		<b>DESCRIPTION</b> Housing Policy	
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**APPLICATION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMH Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Provider Network	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Services Providers
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Services Provider Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Contractors	<input type="checkbox"/> Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Interns
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons Served		

**POLICY:**

Lapeer County Community Mental Health (LCCMH) ensures the provision of mental health services and supports are not affected by where a person served chooses to live (in their own home, the home of another or in a licensed setting).

**STANDARDS:**

- A. LCCMH will comply with the Housing Practice Guideline established by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration.
- B. LCCMH recognizes housing as a basic need and affirms the right of all persons served to pursue housing options of their choice.
- C. This policy is not intended to subvert or prohibit occupancy in or participation with community-based treatment settings such as an adult foster care home when needed by an individual person served.
- D. LCCMH gives predominant consideration to choice by the person served in selecting where and with whom they live.

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- E. LCCMH supports housing options which blend into the community. Persons served will be located throughout a building, a complex, or the community in order to achieve community integration.
- F. LCCMH promotes and supports home ownership, individual choice, and autonomy.
- G. Housing arranged by LCCMH must be accessible to the person served and in compliance with applicable state and local standards for occupancy, health and safety.
  - 1. When public money helps subsidize a living arrangement for a person served, the housing unit selected by the person served will comply with applicable occupancy standards.
  - 2. The number of people who live together in housing supported by LCCMH will not exceed the community's norms for comparable living settings.
- H. LCCMH staff are sensitive to the cultural and ethnic preferences of the person served and gives consideration to them when choosing housing options.
- I. LCCMH encourages and supports the self-sufficiency of the person served when reviewing and planning for housing options.
- J. LCCMH provides for ongoing assessment of the housing needs of the person served.
- K. LCCMH provides assistance to persons served in coordinating available resources to meet their basic housing needs.

**PROCEDURES:**

- A. When requested through Person Centered Planning processes, LCCMH staff will educate persons served about the housing options and supports available, and assist persons served in locating habitable, safe, and affordable housing.

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- B. LCCMH staff assistance with the process of locating suitable housing will be directed by the interests, involvement and informed choice of the person served.
- C. To promote community inclusion, participation and productivity LCCMH staff will support and encourage each person served to secure independent housing with a lease or deed in their own name.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Affordable: is a condition existing when an individual's means, or the combined household income of several individuals, is sufficient to pay for food, basic clothing, health care, and personal needs and still have funds remaining to cover all housing-related costs including rent / mortgage, utilities, maintenance, repairs, insurance and property taxes.

Habitable and safe: means those housing standards established in each community defining and requiring basic conditions for tenant / resident health, security, and safety.

Housing: refers to dwellings typical of those sought out and occupied by members of a community. The choices a person served makes in meeting their housing needs are not to be linked in any way to any specific program or support service needs they may have.

**REFERENCES:**

MCL 330.1116(j)  
 Federal Housing Subsidy Quality Standards based on 24 CFR § 882.10  
 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health and  
 Developmental Disabilities Administration Housing Practice Guideline

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