

Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
Home Based Habilitation (HBH) and Supported Community Living (SCL)
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Question	Response
General Questions	
Can Home-Based Habilitation be provided in a Host Home?	Yes.
How is a Host Home different from a HBH or SCL group home or residential program?	A Host Home is the home of an individual or family in the community where an HCBS member lives with the SCL caregiver and receives HBH or SCL provided by the individual who owns or rents the home. The individual providing the SCL resides in the home and provides SCL services and supports identified in the member's PCSP while engaging the member in the life of the Host and their family. Host Homes provide each person with personalized service in a home-based setting. An HBH or SCL service recipient and caregiver (Host) live together. In a Host Home, the person receiving the services is a part of the neighborhood and community, participating in meaningful activities with the Host, friends or members of the household. The mutuality of relationships, which offers people with disabilities the chance to become a part of a home and a family, is what the Host Home model is all about.
Can the Host Home Model be done under the Consumer Choices Option (CCO)?	No, the Host Home Model is not an mode of service delivery available under CCO. Under CCO the member employs their service providers. There is not an Medicaid enrolled HCBS SCL provider agency subcontracting for the delivery of SCL under CCO. Members wishing to reside in a Host's home and receive daily SCL through the Host Home model will need to identify an SCL service provider agency to subcontract with the Host to deliver the SCL services.

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<p>Does the HCBS member get to choose the Host?</p>	<p>Yes. When an HCBS member is referred for HBH or SCL in a Host Home, an extensive matching process occurs to ensure a good match and compatibility between the member and the potential Host. The matching process must consider the member's personality, interests, culture, lifestyle, routines, and their ideas about what it takes to have a happy and successful life.</p>
<p>Please explain the difference between a Host Home and Supported Community Living.</p>	<p>A Host Home is the home of an individual or family in the community where an HCBS member lives and receives SCL provided by the individual who owns or rents the home. The individual providing the SCL resides in the home and provides SCL services and supports identified in the member's PCSP while engaging the member in the life of the individual and their family.</p>
<p>Which type of settings can be Host Homes?</p>	
<p>Can the home of an HCBS Habilitation or Waiver member's parent, stepparent or foster family be considered a Host Home?</p>	<p>No. The family home is not considered a Host Home setting. SCL or HBH may be provided in the family home but this is considered the delivery of SCL or HBH in the family home. The family home is defined as the home of the member's parent(s), stepparent, or foster family. The IAC rules allow up to 31, 15-minute units (7 3/4 hours) be provided each day to support the member to live within the family home. For members residing in the family home requiring 8 or more hours of daily SCL an ETP may be requested.</p>

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<p>Can the home of the HCBS Habilitation or Waiver member's adult child be considered a Host Home?</p>	<p>Yes. The adult child of a HCBS Habilitation or HCBS Waiver member may be employed by an SCL agency to provide SCL as a Host Home to their parent. When the adult child of the member is also the guardian for the HCBS Waiver member, that guardian is limited to 40 hours per week of service delivery and an Exception to Policy (ETP) would be required for the guardian to deliver more than 40 hours of SCL per week.</p>
<p>Can the home of the HCBS Habilitation or waiver member be considered a Host Home?</p>	<p>No. The member's own home is not considered a Host Home. A Host Home is a home that is owned or rented by the Host who is subcontracted to deliver daily HBH or SCL in the Host's home. The member's own home is a home where the member is the primary lease or mortgage holder.</p>
<p>Can a home where HCBS member(s) reside and that has multiple staff who do not reside in the home and who rotate in and out of the home to deliver SCL or HBH services be considered a Host Home?</p>	<p>No. This setting is not a Host Home. This setting would be considered a traditional SCL site with multiple staff delivering SCL services. A Host Home is the residence of the Host who delivers all the SCL services and supports that the HCBS member requires.</p>
<p>Can the home of the SCL provider agency director's home be considered a Host Home?</p>	<p>No. The home where the SCL provider agency Director resides may not be a place of service for the delivery of HBH or SCL. This would be considered a conflict of interest as the SCL director is responsible to oversee the delirvy of SCL by it's employees and subcontractors. Services may not be provided in the SCL agency provider's home.</p>

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Members receiving HBH or SCL	
Can a minor age 17 and under receive SCL or HBH in a Host Home?	<p>Yes, a minor may receive daily SCL or HBH in a Host Home when HHS has granted an ETP or variance for the minor to receive residential services outside the family home in a non-licensed setting. The SCL or HBH provider agency must have policies and procedures specific to the delivery of SCL or HBH to children.</p> <p>Habilitation : Transition-age youth 16 to 17.5 years of age may only receive daily HBH in the family home or in a licensed setting unless an Exception to Policy (ETP) has been granted to allow the child to receive daily HBH outside the family home in a non-licensed setting. Transition-age youth 17.5 years to 18 years of age may receive HBH in a non-licensed setting when the requirements in 441-Iowa Administrative Code Rule 78.27(7) e. are met.</p> <p>BI and ID Waivers: Transition-age youth 16 to 17.5 years of age may only receive daily SCL in a licensed setting unless an Exception to Policy (ETP) has been granted to allow the child to reside in a non-licensed setting. Transition-age youth 17.5 years to 18 years of age may receive SCL in a non-licensed setting when a variance has been approved by HHS.</p>
Who pays for the room and board for the member choosing to receive their SCL or HBH services in a Host Home.	<p>The HCBS member residing in the Host Home must have a signed lease detailing what is included in the monthly rental cost. The member must also have a room and board agreement that details the member's financial responsibility for paying their equal share of the expenses in the home including food, clothing, personal care items, entertainment, recreation etc.</p>

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Host Role and Responsibilities	
How long does it take to become a Host ?	Each HBH or SCL provider agency must have policies and procedures that operationalize the delivery of HBH or SCL through subcontracts with Hosts. The vetting and matching process will vary for each member and Host. Estimated time to ensure a good fit between member and host can range from three to six months.
Who can be a Host?	Individuals who own or rent their own home and are qualified by training and/or experience to provide SCL or HBH services to Iowa Medicaid HCBS participants.
How is the Host reimbursed for rent, food, and other necessities required by the HBH or SCL member?	HCBS members are responsible for their room and board costs and personal needs. The SCL reimbursement rate does not include room and board costs . The Host enters into a room and board agreement and lease agreement with the HCBS member that will reside in their home. The agreement must detail the fees, charges and expenses that the member will be responsible for paying and when the payment is due. The member must only be charged their fair share of expenses in the home. Expenditures such a rent, utilities, and internet costs must be equally distributed across all individuals that reside in the home. If there are six individuals residing in the home, the member must only be responsible for 1/6th of the household expenses.
Can Respite be provided to a member receiving SCL in a Host Home?	No. Respite is not available for paid SCL providers. The Host providing the SCL services must arrange for approved back-up support when they need a break from care.

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<p>Can a Host provide SCL and still work a Full Time job in the home or outside the home?</p>	<p>The Host must deliver the SCL services and supports in the amount, duration, and scope identified in the Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP). The Host may not be engaged in other employment or activities while being paid to deliver SCL. If the member's service needs can be met while the Host is employed this may be allowed. For example, If the member only requires 8 hours of direct services and supervision per day and may be left alone without supervision for periods of the day, the Host may be able to be employed outside of the SCL service hours depending on the needs of the member. If the member is participating in employment or day programming and is away from the home for periods throughout the day, the Host could be employed during those hours when they are not being paid to deliver SCL.</p>
<p>Can a Host provide SCL to one member and Respite to another member in the Host home at the same time?</p>	<p>No. The Host may not provide two distinct services simultaneously (on the same date of service at the same time). Please refer to response to question 3 for additional guidance.</p>
<p>How does a Host Home delivering SCL or HBH get a break from providing care,</p>	<p>The Host must arrange for the qualified back-up support identified in the member's PCSP to provide services in the absence of the Host.</p>
<p>Is the Host required to live in the home where the member resides and receives SCL services?</p>	<p>Yes. The Host home is a residence owned or rented by the Host delivering the SCL or HBH services. The host resides in the home, the SCL or HBH service recipient moves into the Host's home, and receives the services and supports identified in their service plan.</p>

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<p>Is the Host required to provide transportation to the member residing in their home and receiving SCL or HBH?</p>	<p>Yes, for SCL service delivery the cost of transportation is included in the daily SCL rate paid to the SCL provider agency. The need for transportation must be identified in the members service plan. For HBH service delivery, transportation is provided in relation to skill development, and must be directed at a service or support identified in the member's service plan. For example the Host could transport the Habilitation member in the community to conduct personal business or participate in a community activity when the member has goals related to those activities.</p>
<p>Can the Host delivering SCL or HBH in their home provide transportation to dental, medical, and behavioral health appointments for the HCBS member receiving SCL or HBH services in the Host Home?</p>	<p>HCBS Waiver SCL and HBH service reimbursement does not include the cost transportation to dental, medical or mental health care. This is explicitly excluded at the federal level. The Host may assist the member to arrange for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) to provide the transportation to the member for healthcare related appointments or the Host may assist the member to request mileage reimbursement through the NEMT broker when the Host transports the members to and from appointments using their vehicle.</p>
<p>HBH or SCL Provider Agency Roles and Responsibilities</p>	
<p>Are Hosts employed by the HBH or SCL Provider Agency?</p>	<p>Not typically. For most organizations operating Host Home programs, the Host is not an employee, the Host is a subcontractor. The HBH or SCL provider agency subcontracts with the Host to deliver SCL in their home to member(s) authorized to receive HBH or SCL who have chosen to receive services in a Host Home.</p>

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How are the Hosts paid for service delivery?	The Host is paid in accordance with the contract signed with the HBH or SCL Provider Agency.
Will the HBH or SCL Provider Agency supervise the Host?	Yes. The HBH or SCL Provider Agency must ensure that the Host delivers the SCL or HBH services in accordance with state and federal rules, regulations, policies and procedures.