**STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF** 

## Health --- Human SERVICES

# Package of Evidence Summary

# ORGANIZATION AND SETTING DETAILS

Organization Name:		
Community Care of Knoxville		
Phone:		
641-842-4618		
Setting Name:		
Site Home 2		
Street address of setting:	Date of site review:	
720 East Washington Street	August 2, 2022	

## FUNDING AND SERVICES IN THIS SETTING

Mark all funding sources and services provided in this setting.

HCBS Waiver/Habilitation	Service(s)
AIDS/HIV Waiver	Adult Day Care
🗌 Brain Injury Waiver	Assisted Living Service
Children's Mental Health Waiver	CDAC Agency
Elderly Waiver	Day Habilitation
Health and Disability Waiver	🔀 Home Based Habilitation
Intellectual Disability Waiver	Interim Medical Monitoring Treatment (IMMT)
Physical Disability Waiver	Prevocational services
Habilitation	Supported Community Living (SCL)
Money Follows-the-Person (MFP)	Residential-Based SCL for children (RBSCL)
Other:	Supported Employment
	Intensive Residential Service (IRS)
	Other:
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#### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

List the number of HCBS	HCBS funded: 3
funded members and non-	Non-HCBS funded: 0
HCBS funded members served	
in this setting.	
Is this setting provider owned	🖂 Yes
or controlled?	□ No
Is this setting an existing	Prospective
location or a new or prospective	⊠ Existing
location?	New (Check this box if the location is a newly
	constructed facility.)

What category of heightened	Category I: Located in a building that is also a publicly or	
scrutiny applies to this setting?	privately operated facility that provides inpatient institutional	
scruciny applies to this setting.		
	treatment $\Box$ Concerns 2. In a building on the grounds of an immediately	
	Category 2: In a building on the grounds of, or immediately	
	adjacent to a public institution	
	Category 3: Any other setting that has the effect of	
	isolating individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS from the	
	broader community of individuals not receiving Medicaid	
	HCBS	
What subcategories apply to	HCBS in ALF that are physically attached to a NF	
this setting (select all that	HCBS in larger than 3-5 bed RCF	
apply).	HCBS (such as ADC, DH, employment services) in an	
	RCF, NF, hospital, or other facility	
	Setting limits individuals' opportunities for interaction in	
	and with the broader community, including with individuals	
	not receiving Medicaid-funded HCBS due to the design or	
	model of service provision.	
	$\boxtimes$ Setting restricts members' choices to receive services or	
	to engage in activities outside of the setting.	
	Setting is physically located separate and apart from the	
	broader community and does not facilitate beneficiary	
	opportunity to access the broader community and participate	
	in community services.	
	Clusters of sites including several units with people	
	receiving HCBS in a multi-plex of any kind, clusters within	
	neighborhoods, streets, communities, etc. that are clustered	
	together by design for the purpose of receiving HCBS.	
	Newly constructed facility	
	$\Box$ Site is/was a facility converted to HCBS	
	Quality of care concern related to HCBS settings	
	requirements	
	Site-based employment service such as a "sheltered	
	workshop"	
	Other:	

### EXPLANATION

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), whether residential or nonresidential, must be provided in integrated, community-based settings that support members' full access to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving HCBS. HCBS services are required to be provided in such a way as to optimize individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including but not limited to daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact. If an individual requires a restriction or limitation in one or more of the areas listed below, due process of that restriction or limitation should be outlined in their person-centered plan. Policies and procedures related to restrictive interventions should be followed.

## DESCRIPTION OF SETTING

This location is a four-bedroom single-family home is situated in a residential area and is surrounded by other homes and neighbors. The home has a driveway accessible for parking and also has streetside parking. There are no other community businesses known within the neighborhood. The home is a two-story home and has the common areas downstairs and the members' bedrooms are upstairs. There is an enclosed front porch area where the main entrance is located seating for members is available . The entry to the front of the house has steps up to the door, but there is an additional entrance/exit in the kitchen area at the back of the house that is accessible for wheelchairs. The staff utilize the front entrance when entering the home. Common areas also include a living room with a television, a dining room, and a small kitchen. The agency uses a room for an office allowing records and medications to be kept in locked cabinets. Additionally, the door has a lock to prevent members from entering the room. The basement is not accessible to members due to safety concerns with the steps down to the basement, but the washer and dryer are located in the basement. The home is situated in the city where community resources are available to the members. There is a Dollar General nearby and there is a Wal-Mart within driving distance. City parks are available for members within walking distance.

## SETTING ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Did the organization attest to being compliant with HCBS settings requirements in the same or similar settings on their most recent Provider Quality Self-Assessment?	Yes No: EXPLAIN		
Does the organization operate other HCBS sites that have been determined through their most recent Quality Oversight Review to be compliant with HCBS settings requirements?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No: The organization has a separate site home that is not compliant with the HCBS setting requirements.</li> </ul>		
This setting meets Category 3 of heightened scrutiny because in the most recent quality oversight periodic review, it was discovered that the design of the program in the setting limits individuals' opportunities to interact with the broader community and restricts members' choices to receive and engage in activities outside of the setting. Specifically, it was found that the organization's polices and procedures in the setting established "standardized" restrictions on members including rules and expectations for where to eat within the setting, rules for accessing to medications, allowable times to come and go from the setting, visiting hours, and several references to "facility-like" requirements that were not necessarily tied to an assessed need for the three individuals in the home. Additionally, leases were found to be atypical of those found in use with the general community. For example, the lease contained rules and provisions about staff "holding" members cigarettes to prevent smoking in the house. The organization operating the setting submitted a corrective action plan (CAP) to remediate the issues. The CAP was approved because the organization agreed to update policies, procedures, and materials so they are in alignment with the philosophy of HCBS and not written for facility-based care. Additionally, the CAP ensured standardized restrictions are eliminated from policies, procedures, materials, and leases so that limitations and restrictions to member rights, freedoms, and			

requirements for HCBS are individualized and tied to the individual member's assessed needs. Leases were to be updated to ensure they are typical of those used with the general community. Lastly, the organization planned to retrain staff to ensure they understand the updated policies, procedures, and materials but especially so that they understand the foundation of HCBS philosophy.

Evidence that the agency carried out the approved CAP was requested and review in October 2022. It was found that the agency effectively implemented the CAP and the setting overcame the effect of isolation as previously described.

## COMPLIANCE DECISION

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Next Steps		
<ul> <li>Post for public feedback (HCBS Specialist to complete a package of evidence summary.)</li> <li>Refer to CMS further heightened scrutiny review</li> </ul>		