



### **Division Guideline #13**

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**Title:**                   **Group Home Development Guidelines**

**Application:**       **Regional Offices, TCM Providers, and DD  
Community Providers**

These guidelines will be utilized to define all group home contracts/sites.

A new group home site can be developed to address accessibility, aging, and/or health issues when it is replacing the existing group home. The existing group home must close with no backfilling.

Changing the number of beds in an existing group home may occur as long as the other individuals are agreeable to an added housemate and this change would be cost effective. Expansion can only occur if the existing group home is serving less than four individuals. Therefore, the new location cannot be expanded to more than 4 individuals.

When a group home or new site is developed, a lease must be signed by the individual resident or their representative and not by the provider of residential services; so that the resident is not required to move from their home if they should choose another residential provider.