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To: CPMT Chairs
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Subject: Unlicensed/Improperly Licensed Sponsored Residential Provider

This Administrative Memorandum serves as a follow-up to the email sent on May 11th, 2026, regarding Sponsored Residential placements with the provider Abundantly Blessed. On May 11th, due to the lack of a current license with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), CSA localities were instructed to hold all payments to this provider.

Because the provider did not operate with proper licensure, CSA localities should make no further payments to Abundantly Blessed Sponsored Residential. This means that no pending invoices should be paid using CSA funds. If your locality chooses to make payments to the provider, these payments will not be eligible for CSA reimbursement.

Effective April 20th, 2026, the provider was officially closed by DBHDS, and as a result, no placements should be made to Abundantly Blessed Sponsored Residential.

Additionally, please verify two items about all current Sponsored Residential placements:

1. Ensure that local contracts require proper licensure for Sponsored Residential, and
2. Check the licensure status for ALL current Sponsored Residential placements. Any youth in such placements not meeting the licensing requirements, as described below, are to be considered in unapproved placements, and no CSA reimbursements should be sought effective with the date of this Administrative Memo.

Licensing Requirements for Sponsored Residential Placements

As previously disseminated in September of 2025, there are two types of Sponsored Residential (SR) licenses: ID/DD and Mental Health (MH).

ID/DD licenses are always numbered "08-013" and specify on the license SR for children and adolescents.

- Youth placed in a DD licensed SR must have a formal ID/DD diagnosis. The placement must be licensed to serve children for CSA to provide reimbursement.

MH licenses are always numbered "08-014" and encompass both adults and children.

- Youth without an ID/DD diagnosis can only be placed in an MH-licensed home.
- A MH-SR provider's ability to serve children will be evidenced by "Children/ Adolescents" listed in the "Demographics" section of the MH license.

In addition to ensuring the SR provider (agency) is appropriately licensed for the population being placed, it must also be verified that the actual home (location) where the youth is placed is certified under the provider's license. To do this, the home's address is needed.

To verify the license of an SR provider and to verify a specific home (location), use the [DBHDS Provider Search Tool](#) and follow the steps below :

1. Enter the name of the SR provider into the Provider Name Box.
2. Select DD SR Home for Children and Adolescents or MH SR Home from the Service/Program Type drop-down box.
3. A list of the providers' licenses meeting that search criteria will appear. Click the provider license number you wish to look up (some providers may have multiple listings because they operate more than one office/location).
4. A screen will open with a chart that lists the services under that license number. On the far left, you will see the Service License Number (remember for SR for youth, you are looking for "08-013" for DD SR for Children or "08-014" for MH SR), then the name of the Service Provided, as well as the effective and expiration date for each licensed service. In the far right column, you will find Demographics (this is where you can verify if Children/Adolescents is noted on a MH SR license).
5. Click on the license for the service you are looking up. A screen will open and you will see "Locations".
6. Click on "Locations", where you will see the locations (homes) currently certified (approved) under that specific license. If the address of the intended home (location) is not listed, the home is not certified (approved) under this license type.

OCS is aware that significant CSA reimbursements to localities have been made for placements with this provider (Abundantly Blessed) and will not be seeking recovery of funds for reimbursements already issued. Moving forward, any payments to this provider or for other placements in improperly licensed SR homes will not be eligible for CSA reimbursement.

CSA localities are encouraged to adopt a best practice of requesting evidence that the local agency (LDSS or CSB) has verified proper licensure before recommending or authorizing a requested placement in Sponsored Residential.

Please contact Anna Antell (anna.antell@csa.virginia.gov) at OCS with questions.

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