

HCBS Final Settings Rule Indicator 2

Fact Sheet



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The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options, including non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting.

What does Indicator 2 look like in practice?

As a DSP, you may be tasked with supporting someone to learn about the different options that they can live and spend their time in. Being ready to support people with making informed decisions is an important part of the DSP role.

Best practices to align with Indicator 2

- A DSP supports someone in understanding their options of where and how they want to live through setting up tours and watching videos.
- A DSP works with the person they support to come up with a daily or weekly schedule that fits the wants and needs of the individual.
- A DSP helps to consider various community-based settings that an individual they support may want to spend time in given their interests.

Practices to avoid

- A DSP only considers facility-based settings when working to explore different environments for someone to spend time in.
- A DSP never asks probing questions about a person is liking their daily or weekly schedule and if they are missing anything they'd like to participate in.
- A DSP doesn't communicate with their supervisor when the person they support expresses an interest in changing where they live.



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Indicator 2 Case Studies:

Consider whether the following scenarios are best practice or practices to avoid in the following situations:

Situation 1:

- Joey is an individual who lives in a group home. Joey currently shares a home with two other roommates, one of which has been getting on Joey's nerves due to how often they stay up late playing video games and making noise. Joey has told one of his DSPs that he would like to look into moving into another home where he can enjoy his space more. Joey's DSP lets him know that they have followed-up his request with his supervisor and that they will help Joey tour some new homes that may fit his preferences more.
 - Best practice: As any adult, Joey has a right to seek out other places to live and pick who his roommates are. By listening and following-up with management to ensure Joey's preferences are considered and worked through, this DSP has followed best practices with Indicator 2.

Situation 2:

- Samantha is a person who receives residential services and spends three days a week at a Day program. Samantha is no longer enjoying her Day program and would like to look around at different options. Samantha's DSP tells her that they are unaware of any other Day programs and that this program is easier to get to since it's connected to her residential services. No other conversations are had.
 - Best practice: Instead of dismissing or not taking the time to explore options, Samantha's DSP should work to understand what other Day programs may be good options for Samantha and work to support her with going through these options. Setting up tours, looking at websites, reading reviews, and thinking about what sort of changes a new Day program could provide are all steps a DSP could take to ensure they align with best practices.