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APD ANNUAL GROUP HOME CLIENT MEDICAL REVIEW INITIATIVE
INFORMATIONAL

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The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is excited to announce enhanced service offerings for clients currently residing in an APD licensed group home.

APD received funding in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to conduct an individual Medical Review annually for each APD client residing in an APD licensed home. The purpose of these reviews is to improve health outcomes by ensuring that each APD client is receiving ongoing primary and specialty medical care, medications are being administered as prescribed, and behavioral and medical needs are being met.

Due to the leadership of Governor DeSantis and investments made through the Florida Legislature, the Agency is able to partner with Acentra Health to have registered nurses complete these individual medical reviews for all APD clients in APD licensed group homes. APD licensed group home providers will receive additional and ongoing communication about next steps regarding the onsite medical reviews. The onsite medical review will include both observation of the APD client and review of health records including medication administration records. Thirty days prior to the scheduled visit, licensed providers will receive a letter from Acentra which will outline the information that needs to be made available during the review. Following each review, APD licensed group home providers will receive a report with client specific recommendations.

Prior to implementation, Acentra will provide training in the coming weeks to inform APD licensed group home providers of the Annual Group Home Medical Review process.

APD will continue to share more information as it becomes available. If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact Barbara Nolen at Barbara.Nolen@apdcares.org or Sabah Bissainthe at Sabah.Bissainthe@apdcares.org.