

PROVIDER ADVISORY #2021-002

CLARIFICATION ON ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV) LIVE-IN CAREGIVER EXEMPTION

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This advisory provides clarification regarding EVV requirements for iBudget Florida waiver providers who render the services of Personal Supports and Respite.

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services (CMS) does not require EVV for providers who render services using a live-in caregiver role if specific criteria are met.

EVV is **not** required for services delivered under a live-in caregiver model if one of the following circumstances exist:

- The client resides in a licensed residential facility and receives Personal Supports or Respite in the licensed facility
- The caregiver (or in the case of an agency delivering services, the employee of the caregiver) resides on the same premises as the individual to whom services are being provided seven days per week and has no other home of his/her own
- The caregiver lives, works, and sleeps on the same premises as the individuals to whom services are being provided for five consecutive days a week for a period of 120 hours or more, or
- If the caregiver spends less than 120 hours per week sleeping and working on the premises, spends five consecutive nights residing on the premises.

EVV is required for all other Personal Supports and Respite services rendered which do not meet the above exemptions.

Additionally, providers of Personal Supports and Respite who meet the EVV exemption, must ensure that service documentation for these services is solely submitted in APD iConnect once access is granted.

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