

## TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.15

### SUPPORTED LIVING PROVIDER CERTIFICATION AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the Department of Developmental Disabilities shall adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for certification of persons and government entities that provide or propose to provide, under contract with the department until July 1, 1995, or with a County Board of Developmental Disabilities, supported living for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.
- B. Pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the department shall adopt rules establishing quality assurance standards for supported living provided to individuals by providers certified under this section.
- C. The rules adopted under this section shall include the following:
  - 1. Procedures for ensuring that providers comply with section 5126.281 of the Revised Code;
  - 2. Methods of evaluating the services provided and protecting the due process rights of any individual or entity affected by an evaluation or decision made pursuant to this section;
  - 3. Procedures for revoking certification.
- D.
  - 1. Providers shall be evaluated to ensure that services are provided in a quality manner advantageous to the individual receiving the services. When evaluations are conducted, the following shall be considered:
    - a. The provider's experience and financial responsibility;
    - b. The ability to comply with program standards for supported living;
    - c. The ability to meet the needs of the individuals served;
    - d. The ability to work cooperatively with the department, county Boards, and other providers;
    - e. Any other factor considered relevant.
  - 2. The records of evaluations conducted under this section are public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall be made available on request of any person, including individuals being served, individuals seeking supported living, and county Boards.

- E. The department shall certify providers in accordance with the rules adopted under this section. The department may revoke a provider's certification for good cause, including misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, confirmed abuse or neglect, financial irresponsibility, or other conduct the department determines is injurious to individuals being served.

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