

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES**



<b>POLICY</b>	
Department on Disability Services	Subject: Out of State Placement Policy
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All underlined words/definitions can be found in the **Definitions Appendix**.

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the standards and guidelines by which the Department on Disability Services (DDS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), will place and support people who are served by DDA in jurisdictions other than the District of Columbia (District).

**2. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all DDA employees and governmental agencies that provide services and supports on behalf of people with disabilities receiving services as part of the DDA Service Delivery System funded by DDA or the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF).

**3. AUTHORITY**

The authority for this policy is established in the Department on Disability Services (DDS) as set forth in D.C. Law 16-264, the "Department on Disability Services Establishment Act of 2006," effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Official Code § 7-761.01 *et seq.*); and D.C. Law 2-137, the "Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Constitutional Rights and Dignity Act of 1978," effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1301.01 *et seq.*).

**4. POLICY**

It is the policy of DDS to ensure all persons receiving services from the DDA service system have access to and receive quality supports, services, and health care. Eligible persons may receive the same services and supports irrespective of the location of residential placement.

**5. RESPONSIBILITY**

The responsibility for this policy is vested in the Director, Department on Disability Services. Implementation for this policy is the responsibility of the Deputy Director, Developmental Disabilities Administration.

**6. STANDARDS**

The following are the standards by which DDS will evaluate compliance with this policy:

- A. Persons will be placed in the least restrictive residential setting that least inhibits a person's independence and right to liberty.
- B. When persons are placed in a residential setting outside of the District, DDA will make every reasonable effort to return them to the District for receipt of supports and services that meet their personal needs.
- C. DDA will respect the preferences of people supported by DDA in regards to his or her choice of location of receiving of supports and services if those services can be secured in a cost equivalent manner in an out-of-state location.
- D. DDA will be fiscally responsible and maximize the use of federal funding, such as the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program, when purchasing services and supports for a person outside of the District.
- E. DDA will work to develop and/or secure cost-effective services and supports for people who return to the District.
- F. This policy does not supersede, alter or modify any DDA policy regarding those persons placed in the District.

  
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