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Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To outline the eligibility and exclusionary criteria and procedures for placement of clients under supervision in Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) Transitional Housing, when available within a district.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) to support community reentry by providing affordable transitional housing to clients who meet placement criteria. Districts shall define criteria for each transitional house in local procedures.

NOTE: Not all districts have the ability to support transitional housing.

3. APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to those districts with IDOC transitional housing in the community for clients under supervision to be utilized for temporary purposes as specified by the district. Example: For those whose Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits have

been suspended and are in need of affordable community housing until their benefits are reinstated.

4. DEFINITIONS - As used in this document:

A. Social Security - Payments provided due to retirement or disability.

B. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Payments provided to people who have low income and few resources and are age 65 or older, blind or disabled. SSI is a need-based program, meaning individuals don't need to have a work history or have paid into Social Security to be eligible and is determined by an individual's income and resources, which must be below specific limits.

C. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) - SSDI benefits are determined by an individual's earnings record and the amount of Social Security taxes paid; therefore, there are no income or resource limits.

D. Temporary Housing - No longer than 120 days, unless exceptions are made by the District Director/Designee.

5. PROCEDURES

A. Eligibility criteria for the District's transitional housing shall be outlined on the application and in local procedures to include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Eligibility of clients with a history of assaultive behavior and/or convictions shall be determined by the District's designee.

2. Clients must be self-sufficient and be able to care for themselves.

3. Clients will be required to abide by the Transitional Housing Rules Agreement. See **CBC-13 Attachment A**.

4. Eligibility for clients with sex offenses will be determined by the Residential Manager or designee and Sex Offender Treatment Manager.

B. An application shall be submitted to the District designee for determination of eligibility and acceptance to reside in Transitional Housing within the district.

C. Clients may reside in Transitional Housing until disability benefits have been reinstated, approximately 90-120 days, or as approved by the District Director/ Designee.

D. Clients residing in the district's Transitional Housing are required to utilize client banking. All funds should be turned into the District per **CBC-RS-01** *Client Finances*. Clients will be required to pay a minimal monthly rent fee as determined by the District Director or designee.