

**256I.06 PAYMENT METHODS.**

Subdivision 1. **Monthly payments.** Monthly payments made on an individual's behalf for group residential housing must be issued as a voucher or vendor payment.

Subd. 2. **Time of payment.** A county agency may make payments to a group residence in advance for an individual whose stay in the group residence is expected to last beyond the calendar month for which the payment is made. Group residential housing payments made by a county agency on behalf of an individual who is not expected to remain in the group residence beyond the month for which payment is made must be made subsequent to the individual's departure from the group residence.

Subd. 3. **Filing of application.** The county agency must immediately provide an application form to any person requesting group residential housing. Application for group residential housing must be in writing on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The county agency must determine an applicant's eligibility for group residential housing as soon as the required verifications are received by the county agency and within 30 days after a signed application is received by the county agency for the aged or blind or within 60 days for the disabled.

Subd. 4. **Verification.** The county agency must request, and applicants and recipients must provide and verify, all information necessary to determine initial and continuing eligibility and group residential housing payment amounts. If necessary, the county agency shall assist the applicant or recipient in obtaining verifications. If the applicant or recipient refuses or fails without good cause to provide the information or verification, the county agency shall deny or terminate eligibility for group residential housing payments.

Subd. 5. **Redetermination of eligibility.** The eligibility of each recipient must be redetermined at least once every 12 months.

Subd. 6. **Reports.** Recipients must report changes in circumstances according to section 256P.07 that affect eligibility or group residential housing payment amounts, other than changes in earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income must complete a household report form at least once every six months. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due, the county agency must terminate eligibility for group residential housing payments. The termination shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the individual is considered to have continued an application for group residential housing payment effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

Subd. 7. **Determination of rates.** The agency in the county in which a residence is located shall determine the amount of group residential housing rate to be paid on behalf of an individual in the residence regardless of the individual's agency of financial responsibility.

Subd. 8. **Amount of group residential housing payment.** (a) The amount of a group residential housing payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is determined by subtracting the individual's countable income under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, for a whole calendar month from the group residential housing charge for that same month. The group residential housing charge is determined by multiplying the group residential housing rate times the period of time the individual was a resident or temporarily absent under section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, paragraph (d).

(b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment for the following six-month period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's eligibility or payment amount until the month following the reporting month.

A decrease in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which the decrease is reported.

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 2009 c 79 art 2 s 36; 2009 c 173 art 1 s 40]

**History:** *1989 c 282 art 5 s 120; 1992 c 513 art 8 s 49; 1Sp1993 c 1 art 8 s 27; 1995 c 207 art 5 s 35,36; 1Sp2005 c 4 art 7 s 48; 2015 c 71 art 1 s 37-40; art 5 s 14,35*