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 HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY EVALUATION SETTING SUMMARY SHEET**

**Home and Community-Based Services**

**SITE OVERVIEW**

Heightened Scrutiny Identification Number	<b>300</b>
Provider Name	<b>Sorrento in the Desert</b>
Setting Name	<b>Sorrento in the Desert</b>
Setting Type	
Waiver(s) Served	
Setting Address	
Site Assessment Completion Date	<b>7/31/2019</b>
Heightened Scrutiny Summary Sheet Completion Date	<b>6/2/2022</b>
Expected Date of Compliance	

**REASON(S) FOR HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY (HS)**

- Setting is located in a building that is also a publicly or privately-operated facility that provides inpatient institutional treatment
- Setting is in a building located on the grounds of, or immediately adjacent to, a public institution

- ☒ Setting has the effect of isolating individuals receiving Medicaid Home and Community Base Services (HCBS) from the broader community of individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS
  - ☒ Due to the design or model of service provision in the setting, individuals have limited, if any, opportunities for interaction in and with the broader community, including individuals not receiving Medicaid-funded HCBS
  - ☒ Setting restricts individual choice to receive services or to engage in activities outside of the setting
  - ☒ Setting is located separate and apart from the broader community without facilitating individual opportunity to access the broader community and participate in community services, consistent with an individual's person-centered plan



**SETTING SUMMARY: COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW AND REMEDIATION STRATEGY**

*Setting is located in a building that is also a publicly or privately-operated facility that provides inpatient institutional treatment*

<b>Summary of Evidence</b>	
<b>Summary of Remediation Strategy</b>	

**Remediation Strategy Approved?**     Yes     No

**Remediation Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remediation End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Setting is in a building located on the grounds of, or immediately adjacent to, a public institution**

<b>Summary of Evidence</b>	
<b>Summary of Remediation Strategy</b>	

**Remediation Strategy Approved?**     Yes     No

**Remediation Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remediation End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



***Due to the design or model of service provision in the setting, individuals have limited, if any, opportunities for interaction in and with the broader community, including individuals not receiving Medicaid-funded HCBS***

<b>Summary of Evidence</b>	Although not initially flagged for heightened scrutiny, a review on 01/17/2022 indicates that the provider has characteristics of an institutional setting that limits access to the community, Prong 3. The administrator said individuals are unable to leave their home for non-medical purposes, noting that individuals require levels of care that cannot be sustained in the community. There are no opportunities for individual or group activities in the community. The physician must give specific permission for individuals to leave their home for non-medical reasons.
<b>Summary of Remediation Strategy</b>	

**Remediation Strategy Approved?**     Yes     No

**Remediation Start Date:** 03/20/2022

**Remediation End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Setting restricts individual choice to receive services or to engage in activities outside of the setting**

<b>Summary of Evidence</b>	The administrator acknowledged that people can only leave the site for emergencies and medical appointments. They said activities and outings are not planned in the community due to the high levels of care and support that people require in the setting. They said information regarding access to transportation may not necessarily be shared with individuals because staff members are responsible for arranging transportation to and from medical appointments. The administrator said there is no need to enforce a curfew because individuals seldom leave the setting for non-medical purposes.
<b>Summary of Remediation Strategy</b>	

Remediation Strategy Approved?  Yes  No

Remediation Start Date: 03/20/2022

Remediation End Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Setting is located separate and apart from the broader community without facilitating individual opportunity to access the broader community and participate in community services, consistent with an individual’s person-centered plan**

<b>Summary of Evidence</b>	<p>The administrator implied that limited information is distributed to individuals regarding services in the broader community. They said people _____ . The administrator said all activities take place onsite and stated that people are unable to leave the setting for non-medical purposes, noting that individuals in the setting require levels of care that cannot be sustained off site. The assessor did not observe these specific restrictions in care plans. The administrator said activities are not planned off site and noted that individuals are expected to remain in the setting over the course of their rehabilitation. They said activities in the home include watching television, reading, listening to music, praying, and spending time outside. The assessor did not observe an activity calendar in the setting. The administrator said the site offers both group and individual activities but reiterated that all activities take place in the setting. When asked if family members are able to take people off site for personal business, the administrator reiterated that people require levels of care that are not sustainable outside of the setting. They added that people would require specific permission from their physician to leave the setting for non-medical purposes.</p>
<b>Summary of Remediation Strategy</b>	

**Remediation Strategy Approved?**     Yes     No

**Remediation Start Date:** 03/20/2022

**Remediation End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_