

MY CHOICE MY WAY



Participant Fact Sheet

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Choice of Roommate (Shared Bedroom or Living Unit)

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Can I choose my roommate if we have a shared bedroom or living unit?

Yes. The new federal rule says that you have a choice of roommate if you share your bedroom or living unit.

Why is this important to me?

When you share a room, you have a choice of who your roommate is. You do not have to accept a roommate that has been chosen for you.

For all provider-owned, controlled, or operated residential settings:

- Providers are not required to have only private rooms.
- Providers are not required to convert shared rooms to private rooms.
- Providers will work with you and follow any rules developed when filling a shared room vacancy.
- You have the right and a method to request a new roommate.
- You will have an opportunity to meet potential roommates.

If you want a new roommate, you have options. You also have the right to request a new roommate and be included on the selection of a new roommate. You may stay with your current roommate until there is another person available. If you share a bedroom and continually reject roommates you might be interested in exploring other living options, including a private room or you may choose to move to another residential setting.

There may be times that your assessed needs provide reasons to consider some limitations when sharing a room and about your choice of roommates. Limitations will not be used without your (or your authorized representative's) informed consent. Limitations will only be used when there is a health or safety risk and shall be documented in your person-centered plan.

For more information about Hawaii's transition plan, please contact us below.

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