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## General Comment

Individuals with disabilities deserve an array of residential options. The proposed Rule CMS 2296-P restricts person-centered planning under a false pretense which places an emphasis on physical structures and geographical location over true person-centered definitions of outcomes (these can only come from individuals and their families). CMS should be encouraging the development of additional residential options instead of restricting them. Finally, it is my opinion that the Federal Government should not attempt to impose restrictions on settings like Assisted Living. The Federal Government does not regulate Assisted Living and therefore it should not interfere with state and local governments as well as the individuals who depend on their vital services by placing additional restrictions on them and who they can serve.

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