



**Mississippi Department of Mental Health Home and Community-Based Services
Heightened Scrutiny Evaluation**

Summary Sheet

Provider Name	Weems Community mental Health
Setting Name	MIDD Meridian Industries
Setting Address	
	Meridian, MS 39307
Original Site Assessment Date	09/28/2018
Validation Date	06/28/2020

Setting Type

- Supervised Living
- Shared Supported Living
- Supported Living
- Day Services Adult/Day Habilitation
- Prevocational Services
- Community Services

Heightened Scrutiny Category

- Located in a building that is also a publicly or privately operated facility that provides inpatient institutional treatment (such as a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/IID, or IMD);
- Located in a building on the grounds of, or adjacent to, a public institution; or
- Has the effect of isolating individuals receiving Medicaid home- and community-based services (HCBS) from the broader community of individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS

Setting Description
This setting is located in a commercial area in close proximity to MS Department of Rehabilitation Services, East MS State Hospital, and Meridian Group Home. The provider stated they operate a day program located about 2 miles from this setting.

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Summary of Assessment Findings	09/28/2018
<p>1B) Limited access to community activities.</p> <p>1C) Staff state there is a hospital across the street - they do not share space but staff did not indicate if staffing or any administrative functions are shared.</p> <p>1G) Limited opportunities for non-work activities in integrated community settings. Unsure if it is the amount of time desired by people receiving services.</p> <p>1H) Limited access and interaction with members of the community.</p> <p>1I) Limited opportunities for individualized schedules that focus on the needs and desires of a person and opportunities for individual growth.</p> <p>1J) Staff indicate people have limited freedom to move about the setting.</p> <p>1K) Building access is limited by those who use wheelchairs.</p> <p>2A) Unclear if people have flexibility in their daily schedule.</p> <p>2B) People do not have flexibility in breaks/lunch times.</p> <p>2C) Staff indicate activities are based on strengths and medical/health needs, but not on a person's preferences.</p> <p>3B) Medication administration is not conducted privately.</p> <p>4B5) The site does not offer any indoor private space.</p> <p>4E) Private dining is not available.</p> <p>4F) Staff stated people have scheduled breaks and lunch.</p> <p>4H4) The site does not support individuals to practice their religion.</p> <p>4H5) Unclear if the site supports individuals to access their money.</p> <p>4H6) Staff do not provide support individuals in voting.</p> <p>5C) Staff indicate it is preferred that individuals stick to the schedule.</p> <p>5F) Unclear if the site provides information on how to make a request for additional services or changes to their Activity Support Plan.</p> <p>5G) Unclear if people are allowed to change groups when they choose.</p> <p>6A, 6B) Limited accessibility for people who have a physical disability.</p> <p>7H) Individuals indicate they do not make decisions about daily activities they want to participate in.</p> <p>7J) Individual indicates she does not choose when she eats.</p> <p>7M) Individuals do not know what to do to change services.</p> <p>7N) Individuals indicate they must go with other people into the community even if they don't want to go.</p> <p>7O) Individuals indicate they have to go everywhere with the same group everyday.</p> <p>7Q) Individual indicates she does not want visitors because this is her workplace.</p>	

Heightened Scrutiny Compliance Narrative with Provider Input	06/28/2020
<p>1B, 1G, 1H, 1I, 2A, 2C, 4H4, 4H5, 4H6, 5F, 5G, 7H, 7M, 7N, & 7O) The provider stated staff are trained on individuals' rights to access the community at the frequency of their choice. The provider explained individuals, families, and advocates are trained on person-centered thinking and planning to encourage individuals to express their wants, needs, goals, and desires. The provider stated staffing models have been updated to allow for greater flexibility of individuals to access the community as they desire. The provider said annual training of staff is conducted and documented. The provider stated individuals are informed they have choice and flexibility to set their schedules based on their want, goals, and needs. The provider stated they review the individuals' rights including their right to manage their finances, practice their religion, and participate in voting. The provider said they review these rights annually.</p> <p>1C) The provider stated their setting is in no way affiliated with the hospital located across the street. The provider stated the hospital's inpatient services are separate from this provider. The provider said this setting offers pre-vocational services.</p> <p>1J, 1K, 6A, 6B) The provider stated individuals have full access to the entire setting. The provider said the setting has wheelchair ramps and wheelchair accessible bathrooms throughout.</p> <p>2B, 7J) The provider stated individuals have the freedom to choose when, where, and what they eat at meals and snacks. The provider stated they have updated the policies regarding food. The provider stated individuals are educated on their rights to eat privately including outside.</p>	

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3B, 4B5, 4E, 4F) The provider stated staff have been trained and policies have been updated to include individuals' rights to privacy. The provider stated medication administration is required to be conducted in private areas. The provider stated privacy policies include individuals' rights to eat privately or have a private space inside or outside of the setting. The provider stated staff have been trained to extend and provide this space to individuals.

7Q) The provider stated the visitor's policy is explained to individuals and visitors. The provider stated individuals have the right to visitors as well as to decline a visit. The provider stated individuals are given a copy of this policy.

Evidence Submitted to DMH for Review: consent to receive services form, consent for treatment/individual rights/privacy policy/grievance form, pre-vocational services P&P, rights of individuals receiving services form and transportation form.

Compliance Summary

Compliant?	Federal Requirement	Summary of Evidence of Compliance
<p><i>42 CFR 441.304(c)(4)(i)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The setting is integrated in and supports full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS. 42 C.F.R. § 441.304(c)(4)(i).</p>	<p>Individuals are supported to participate in opportunities and activities, including employment, in the community. Individuals are supported to manage their personal resources. Individuals are offered learning opportunities on topics including budgeting and money management.</p>
<p><i>42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(ii)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p>	<p>The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting. The setting options are identified and documented in the person-centered service plan and are based on the individual's needs, preferences, and for residential settings, resources available for room and board. <i>Id.</i> § 441.301(c)(4)(ii).</p>	<p>Individuals have opportunities to choose from non-disability specific settings. Documentation of these choices and the discussions are included in the individual's person-centered service plan.</p>
<p><i>42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(iii)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity, respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint. <i>Id.</i> § 441.301(c)(4)(iii).</p>	<p>Individuals are given a copy of their rights upon admission. Rights are reviewed with individuals on an annual basis. Staff are required to complete ongoing training on individuals' rights.</p>
<p><i>42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(iv)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p>The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in</p>	<p>Individuals are supported to spend their time with whomever they choose and participating in whichever activities they enjoy. Staff have access to individuals' person-centered plans.</p>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No	making life choices, including but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	
42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(v) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No	The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	Individuals have the choice of staff who provide his/her services, supports, and personal care. Individuals have the opportunity to adjust their work or daily activities. Staff support individuals to make a request for additional services or to make changes to their Activity Support plans.
42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(vi)(C) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No	Individuals have the freedom and support to control their schedules and activities and have access to food any time.	Individuals in the setting have access to food at all times. Individuals also have the option to eat at restaurants within the community. Individuals are not required to eat at the breakroom table. The setting removed any assumed policies prohibiting individuals from eating privately and completed staff training. Individuals were also educated on this change.
42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(vi)(D) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No	Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.	The provider stated the visitor's policy is explained to individuals and visitors. The provider stated individuals have the right to visitors as well as to decline a visit. The provider stated individuals are given a copy of this policy regarding visitors at the prevocational center.
42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4)(vi)(E) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> No	The setting is physically accessible to the individual.	The setting was observed to be physically accessible to all individuals served at this setting.