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THOR Directory Facility Types

The THOR Directory contains two types of facilities: Structured Housing and Recovery Residences. Offenders who need only a safe environment in which to live should be sent to Structured Housing. Although Structured Housing does not include substance abuse or mental health treatment, other programming may be provided. Offenders requiring substance abuse services or substance abuse counseling, see Definitions below, must be sent to a Recovery Residence.

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	Structured Housing	Recovery Residence Standard	Recovery Residence Intensive
Programming includes substance abuse services (SAS) and/or substance abuse counseling (SAC); See Definitions below	optional	One or more hours per week of SAS/SAC required	Five or more hours per week of SAC required
Program attendance by all residents	optional	required	required
Certified/Licensed staff	optional	recommended	required
Resident file contains signed resident rights, consent to release information, assessment information, recovery plan, attendance at required programs and progress documentation, and officer communications documentation	optional	recommended	required
Facility policies and procedures	optional	required	required
Resident finances documentation	required	required	required
Facility Questionnaire	required	required	required
Facility Authorization	required	required	required
Consent for Criminal Record Check	required	optional	optional

Structured Housing is approved for offenders who meet prison-release eligibility requirements but who do not have an available residence and for probationers or parolees who become displaced. Although this housing does not include substance abuse or mental health treatment, other programs may be provided. However, attendance at available programs is not required in Structured Housing. The goal is to create a healthy, safe and controlled environment that is

consistent with the safe transition of offenders into the community. The Structured Housing standards apply wherever two or more parolees reside in the same residence with the exception of Recovery Residences.

Recovery Residences provide safe and healthy housing for residents who need a more restrictive environment than outpatient services to establish or maintain abstinence from alcohol and other drugs and criminal behavior. Recovery Residences are categorized according to the intensity of the substance abuse services/counseling that is delivered. Facilities that do not require all residents who live in one housing location to attend substance abuse services or substance abuse counseling are listed in the THOR Directory as Structured Housing.

1. **Standard Recovery Residence:** All residents are required to attend one or more hours of substance abuse services or substance abuse counseling per week.
2. **Intensive Recovery Residence:** All residents are required to attend five or more hours of substance abuse counseling per week delivered by certified substance abuse counselors or licensed professionals.

Substance abuse services (SAS): Twelve step/self-help meetings, individual or group step-study, education classes, recreational activities, and faith-based activities/religious text study that specifically address recovery from alcohol and other drug abuse and criminal behavior.

Substance abuse counseling (SAC): Evidence-based counseling delivered in individual or group sessions that assist residents in achieving individual recovery plan goals. The goals, and associated interventions, must target a combination of abstinence from alcohol and other drugs, changes in other risk factors for criminal behavior, and relapse prevention. Published curriculum or manual-based, cognitive-behavioral psychoeducation or counseling is acceptable when delivered by certified substance abuse counselors or licensed professionals in accordance with professional standards of practice.