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I have a son Kevin L. Cooper who is 19 years old. He is autistic, mentally impaired and has seizures. He lived at home for 18 years. At that time we placed him in a group home where he lived for 7 months. Just before the 7 month mark, he was taken to the doctor for as needed medication for aggressive behavior. CMH notified me on a Thursday they were considering moving him into a different group home to benefit him. An appointment was set up to tour the new group home on Monday afternoon. This group home was filled with 5 medically fragile, quiet, wheelchair bound, mostly nonverbal consumers ages 42 -80. I was told my son was moving there in the morning and there was nothing I could do to prevent it other than take him back home to live. Tuesday, the next day, I filed a Medicaid Fair Hearing Appeal which Lansing denied because CMH told them it was just a location change. I filed a recipient right which is still in process. I did move him home until I could get him placed elsewhere. I'm just wondering what kind of benefit my active and loud, TEENAGER would get from moving into this home? Let alone without a transition period. I can just picture him getting excited screeching, wailing his arms and accidentally making contact with one of these fragile adults. What do you think would happen to my son? Medicate him more maybe? Is that the answer?

CMH made HUGE decision NOT based on my son's needs and person center plan. No transition period for an autistic person! No other option was given to him that day, move to this group home or move home. Not only was his life changed but my whole family as well in a MATTER OF HOURS. I'm not the first person in this county to have this kind of thing happen to them.