

Social Security Advocacy Services

Eligibility Criteria Tip Sheet

Per your contract, people eligible for this service must be:

- An adult or child between the ages of birth and sixty-five; and
- Have a disability which has lasted or will last for 12 months or longer; and
- Live in the state of Minnesota the entire time you are working with them; and
- Must be at risk for homelessness **OR** experiencing homelessness.

At risk for homelessness examples include:

- Being behind in rent or utilities.
- Have an eviction notice or mortgage foreclosure notice.
- Reside in a boarding house or halfway house.
- Exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care such as:
 - Foster care
 - A mental health facility
 - Correctional institution
 - OR receive supportive services in order to maintain their housing.
- Receiving state or federal public assistance benefits such as:
 - General Assistance (GA) or Tribal General Assistance
 - Housing Support (formally known as GRH)
 - Medical Assistance (MA) including Housing Stabilization Services
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
 - Foster Care (Title IV-E)
 - Diversionary Work Program (DWP)
 - Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation.
- Currently on a coordinated entry list or housing registry.

- Currently a recipient of a housing subsidy program including but not limited to the following:
 - Public housing
 - Housing Support
 - Section 8 Housing or Housing Choice Voucher
 - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher
 - Moving Home Minnesota demonstration services, also known as Money Follows the Person (MFP)
 - Minnesota’s Long-term Homeless Supportive Services
 - Bridges Rental Assistance Program
 - Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher
 - Section 811 or other Project-based Rental Assistance Program

Experiencing homelessness examples include:

- Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This means an individual is:
 - Living in an emergency shelter
 - Couch hopping (sleeping on friends couches)
 - Living outside (in tent, fish house, under a bridge, in a park, etc.)
 - Doubled up (temporarily living with another individual or family unit and not listed on the lease)
 - Living in transitional housing
 - Places not meant for habitation (stairwells, abandoned buildings or houses, etc.)
- Not having a lease or ownership interest in a housing unit and lacking the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
- Are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, has no other residence, and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
- Unaccompanied youth under twenty five (25) years of age, or families with children and youth who qualify as homeless under other Federal statutes, such as the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act

Questions?

If you have a situation where you are unsure if an individual meets these requirements, please contact your assigned DHS coordinator for assistance. If you do not know who your assigned coordinator is, please send an email to DHS.SSAAdvocacy@state.mn.us and your assigned coordinator will respond back to you.