

Housing Support: Transition from Residential Treatment

What is the Housing Support program?

Housing Support is a state-funded income support program to pay for housing expenses and sometimes additional services. This includes \$1,041 or \$1,091 for room and board (depending on the setting) and sometimes supplemental services, typically \$482.84.

To be eligible for Housing Support, people must meet income and asset limits and also qualify in one of the two following categories: be age 65 or older, or be 18 or older with certified disability or disabling condition.

What is the transition from residential treatment basis of eligibility?

People exiting the following places without a fixed, adequate nighttime residence can receive Housing Support for up to 3 months without paying any of their income toward their housing costs.

1. Intensive Residential Treatment Services
2. Residential Crisis Stabilization facilities
3. Inpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment facilities

NOTE: this basis of eligibility is only for people who would experience homelessness upon discharge, and it is not available if a person already receives Housing Support.

Who is eligible for the transition from residential treatment basis of eligibility?

People leaving one of the 3 settings listed above without a fixed, adequate nighttime residence. Their status leaving residential behavioral health treatment opens up Housing Support eligibility for up to 3 months without needing to verify income or assets, and they pay nothing for their housing costs during this 3 month period.

How do people exiting residential treatment get into Housing Support?

1. First, find a Housing Support provider with an opening. In order to get Housing Support, each person needs to be working with a Housing Support provider.
2. The residential treatment facility needs to complete Section 5 of the [Professional Statement of Need \(PSN\) \(DHS-7122\)](#)
3. The person and the Housing Support provider need to complete the [Combined Application Form \(DHS-5223\)](#) and send it, along with the PSN, to the county or tribe where the Housing Support provider is located.

How do people find a Housing Support provider?

1. [HB101 Places](#) lists real-time Housing Support openings.
2. Residential behavioral health treatment providers connect to Housing Support providers in the area to facilitate smooth, door-to-door transitions. Treatment providers can use HB101 Places to locate Housing Support providers.
3. To determine which Housing Support providers operate in the region, please contact the local county or tribe.

What happens after the transitional period of eligibility ends?

The person can choose to continue using Housing Support, but they will need to verify their income, assets, and disabling condition or disability before the end of the third month with the local county or tribe. If the person has income, they may need to start paying a portion of their income toward their housing costs.

Questions?

For questions about the Housing Support program, providers can contact dhs.dhs.grh@state.mn.us.