

Coordinating HHS Housing-Related Supports and Services with HUD Housing Assistance for People Experiencing Homelessness

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Welcome and Overview

- Welcome – David Gonzalez Rice, Special Assistant for Housing and Services, Office of the Secretary, HUD
- Technical Assistance Provider
 - Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)
- HHS Agency Presentation
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Webinar Purpose and Agenda

Learning Objective: Attendees will be equipped to identify available housing-related supports and services resources in their states and communities. Attendees will also be able to locate their state and local agencies responsible for funding and delivering these resources in order to reach out and form partnerships to ensure successful referrals, lease-up and ongoing tenancy in HUD housing programs, especially the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. This webinar will also be helpful for PHAs with a homeless admission preference and PHAs with a special purpose voucher program such as Mainstream, Family Unification Program, HUD-VASH, etc.

Agenda:

- Define housing-related supports and services, and how these can be paired with HUD housing assistance to benefit individuals experiencing homelessness
- Describe resources available through federal Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies – specifically, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – that can fund housing-related supports and services, including new resources in the American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- Examples of on-the-ground partnerships and pairing of HUD-HHS resources and takeaways for PHAs, CoCs and others to learn more and pursue partnership opportunities
- Questions and answers

Webinar Series - Coordinating HHS Housing-Related Supports and Services with HUD Housing Assistance for People Experiencing Homelessness

Date/Time	TA Topic
July 14 3:00 - 4:30pm EDT	HRSA & SAMHSA Resources for Housing Supports
August 12 3:00 - 4:30pm EDT	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)/Medicaid Resources for Housing Supports
August 16 3:00 - 4:30pm EDT	Administration for Children & Families (ACF) Resources for Housing Supports

Poll – Who is Listening in Today?

- Public Housing Agency (PHA)
- Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Victim Service Provider (VSP)
- Other

What are Housing-Related Supports & Services?

- **Outreach/engagement/referral services** – that help identify and refer people experiencing homelessness to coordinated entry to access housing assistance provided by CoCs/PHAs
- **Pre-tenancy services** – that assist people with housing access, such as housing search assistance, landlord engagement and housing navigation, security deposits, rent/utility arrears, help obtaining documentation to verify eligibility, move-in assistance, and home furnishings
- **Housing stabilization services and service coordination** – to help people stabilize in housing and connect with community-based services
- **Ongoing tenancy sustaining supports and wrap-around services (i.e. services in PSH)** – that assist people in being successful tenants, such as ongoing individualized case management, help maintaining one's home, with activities of daily living, and with preventing lease violations, and care coordination with health and behavioral health systems

Housing-Related Supports & Services Needs by Population

Population	Associated Needs	Care Coordination Partners	Intensity of Services
Individuals with Disabling Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent supportive housing • Primary and behavioral health care • Benefits and entitlements • Employment and education supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street outreach workers • Community health centers • Behavioral health agencies • Supported employment providers • Community corrections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 crisis response capability • Ongoing intensive engagement, tenancy supports and wrap-around services
Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental assistance and housing location supports • Primary and behavioral health care • Benefits and entitlement • Employment and education supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlords • Community health centers • Behavioral health agencies • Child welfare • Schools • Community corrections • Victim Services Providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term outreach, engagement and referral • Pre-tenancy services • Short-term housing stabilization and service coordination

Housing-Related Supports & Services Needs by Population (continued)

Population	Associated Needs	Care Coordination Partners	Intensity of Services
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental assistance and housing location supports • Primary and behavioral health care • Benefits and entitlements • Employment and education supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street outreach • Community health centers • Behavioral health agencies • Supported employment providers • Schools/ education programs • Family engagement services • Host homes/ foster care • Juvenile justice or adult corrections • Victim Services Providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 crisis response capability • Ongoing intensive engagement, tenancy supports and wrap-around services offered

HUD Housing Opportunities

- The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in order to assist individuals and families who are:
 - Homeless,
 - At risk of homelessness,
 - Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or
 - Were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.
- PHAs are required to partner with Continuums of Care (CoCs) or other homeless or victim services providers to assist qualifying families through a direct referral process.
- MOUs between PHAs, CoCs and other partners, due to HUD on July 31, 2021, should identify services provided to assist EHV applicants and participants, including what is being offered to ensure that referrals are successful.

HUD Housing by Program Office

Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) – Homeless/At risk	Public and Indian Housing	Office of Multifamily
CoC Program (TH, PH, PSH)	Housing Choice Vouchers	811 PRA (People with Disabilities)
ESG RRH	Special Purpose Vouchers: VASH (Veterans), EHVs, Mainstream (People with Disabilities)	Section 811 (People with Disabilities)
	Public Housing	Section 202 (Elderly)



Coordinating HHS Supportive Services with HUD Housing Assistance for People Experiencing Homelessness

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Medicaid Program Background

- ***Title XIX of the Social Security Act***
- Section 1901 of the Social Security Act: “For the purpose of enabling each state. . . to furnish (1) medical assistance. . . .”
- Partnership between federal and state governments with both financing the program
- Administered by the states, according to federal requirements
- Certain policies vary from state to state within the federal statutory and regulatory framework

Medicaid in Brief

- Each state specifies groups of individuals to be covered, services to be provided, methodologies for providers to be paid, and the administrative activities that are underway in the state, via its state plan.
- The state plan is an agreement between the state and the federal government and must be approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Medicaid Eligibility

- To participate in Medicaid, federal law requires states to cover certain groups of individuals, known as mandatory eligibility groups
- States may choose to cover certain other optional eligibility groups
- Examples of eligibility groups:
 - Aged, blind, or disabled
 - Infants and children under age 19 with household income at or below standards established by the state based on age group
 - Pregnant women with household income at or below a standard established by the state
 - Parents and other caretaker relatives of dependent children with household income at or below a standard established by the state
 - Former foster care children under the age of 26

Medicaid Benefits

MANDATORY

- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services
- Nursing Facility services
- Home Health services
- Physician services
- Rural Health Clinic services
- Federally Qualified Health Center services
- Laboratory and X-ray services
- Family Planning services
- Nurse Midwife services
- Certified Pediatric and Family Nurse Practitioner services
- Freestanding Birth Center services (when licensed or otherwise recognized by the state)
- Transportation to medical care
- Tobacco Cessation counseling for pregnant women
- Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders*
- COVID-19 Vaccines and Administration*
- COVID-19 Testing and Treatments*
- Items and Services Furnished In Connection with Participation in Qualifying Clinical Trials

OPTIONAL

- Prescription Drugs
- Clinic services
- Therapies – PT/OT/Speech/Audiology
- Respiratory care services
- Other diagnostic, screening, preventive and rehabilitative services
- Podiatry services
- Optometry services
- Dental Services & Dentures
- Prosthetics
- Eyeglasses
- Other Licensed Practitioner services
- Private Duty Nursing services
- Personal Care Services
- Hospice
- Case Management & Targeted Case Management
- Services for certain individuals in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)
- Services in an intermediate care facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability
- State Plan Home and Community Based Services- 1915(i)
- Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services- 1915(j)
- TB related services
- Inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under age 21
- State Plan Home and Community-Based Services - 1915(i)
- Community First Choice Option - 1915(k)
- Other services approved by the Secretary
- Health Homes for Enrollees with Chronic Conditions – Section 1945
- Chiropractic Services
- Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Services

* These benefits are mandatory on a time-limited basis

Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS)

- Examples of Medicaid HCBS
 - Personal care services
 - Home health services
 - Rehabilitative services, which may include HCBS
 - HCBS waiver (section 1915(c))
 - State plan HCBS (section 1915(i))
 - Self-directed personal assistance services (section 1915(j))
 - Community First Choice (section 1915(k))

Opportunities for States to Enhance, Expand, or Strengthen HCBS

Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)

- Provides qualifying states with a temporary 10 percentage point increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for HCBS
- State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) released on 5/13/2021 provides guidance on implementation of ARP section 9817, including the requirements that:
 - funds from the increased FMAP must supplement, not supplant, existing state funds expended for Medicaid HCBS; and
 - states must use the increased funds to implement or supplement activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS.
- SMDL is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd21003.pdf>

Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFP)

- Provides eligible Medicaid beneficiaries who live in institutions the opportunity to transition to the community
- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 extended MFP through fiscal year 2023
- MFP Capacity Building Funding Opportunity

Medicaid.gov Resources

- CMS State Health Officials Letter: [Opportunities in Medicaid and CHIP to Address Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\)](#)
- [Long-Term Services and Supports Rebalancing Toolkit](#)
- [SUPPORT Act Innovative State Initiatives and Strategies for Providing Housing-Related Services and Supports: Sections 1017 and 1018](#)
- State Medicaid Director Letter (#21-003): [Implementation of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Section 9817: Additional Support for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services during the COVID-19 Emergency](#)
- [Money Follows the Person](#)
- [Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships Toolkit](#)
- [Find local, Marketplace-certified help when applying for and enrolling in qualified health plans and insurance affordability programs, including Medicaid](#)

Washington's Foundational Community Supports (FCS) Program

- Washington has implemented an array of pre-tenancy and tenancy-sustaining supports through its Foundational Community Supports (FCS) program for high need Medicaid beneficiaries.
- These services are covered by the state's Medicaid program under a section 1115 demonstration.
- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that also serves as a Healthcare for the Homeless provider and is enrolled as a provider of supportive housing services under FCS.
- They've engaged in a partnership with Yakima Housing Authority to provide supportive housing services as needed for recipients of all 74 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)

Maryland's Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS) Pilot

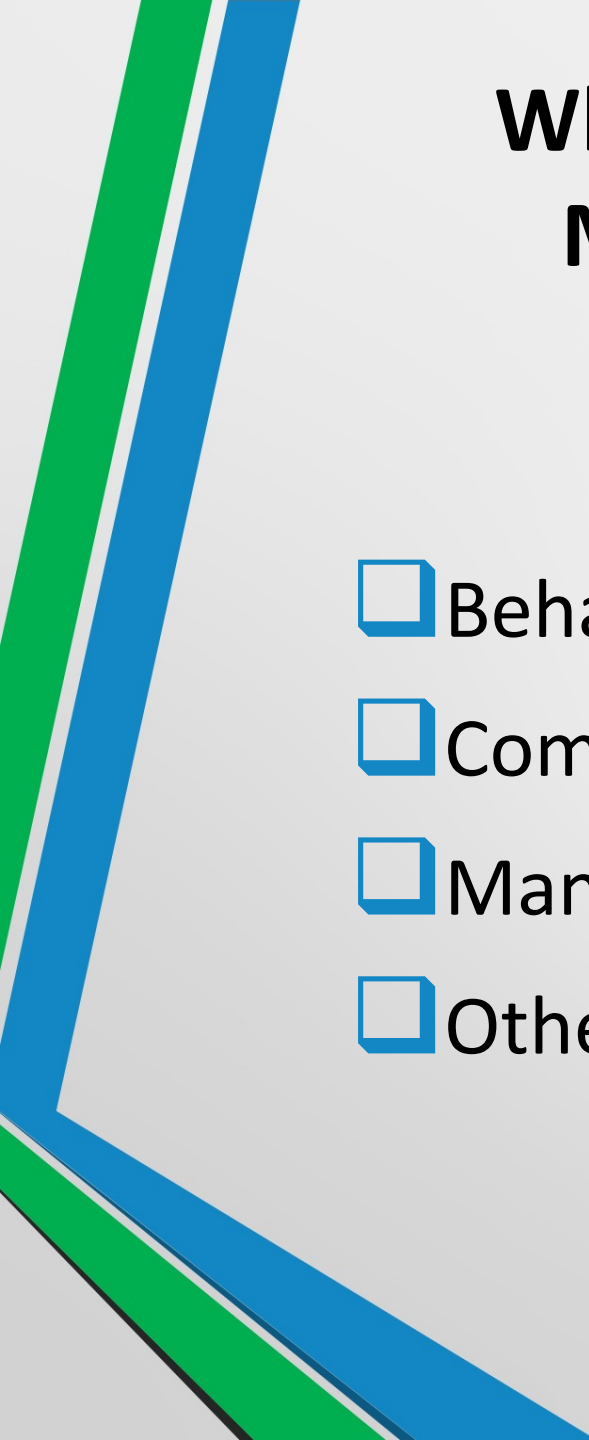
- A service expansion initiative of Maryland's Medicaid 1115 HealthChoice demonstration, ACIS provides a set of home and community-based services (HCBS) to a population that meets the needs-based criteria focused on high-risk, high-utilizing Medicaid enrollees who are at risk of institutional placement or homelessness post-release from certain settings.
- Pilots provide tenancy-based case management services/tenancy support services, and housing case management services.
- Through the ACIS Pilot, 600 spaces are available in total, with 420 currently allocated across 4 Lead Entities: Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Homeless Services; Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services; Cecil County Health Department; Prince George's County Health Department
- In Baltimore's ACIS Pilot, Baltimore Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) is the service provider for 200 households where vouchers are committed from a variety of sources, and the City's Hospitals provide the Medicaid matching funds.
- As a COVID response, 20 high need older adults were served with rapid re-housing (RRH) as a temporary alternative to congregate shelter; services will be provided through ACIS for those eligible and through RRH for those not eligible.
- The 20 RRH clients will be connected to permanent housing vouchers (many through the Baltimore Housing Authority and EHV).

Next Steps for PHAs, CoCs and other Housing Stakeholders

- Learn how your state Medicaid agency plans to use their enhanced HCBS resources and whether housing-related supports and services are part of their plans.
- Clarify which agencies administer any new as well as existing funds at the local level:
 - Behavioral Health Agencies?
 - Managed Care Organizations?
 - Other?
- Outreach to and engage these local partners as necessary, informing of the availability of housing vouchers for their target populations.

Next Steps (continued)

- Offer to educate local partners about Coordinated Entry
- Clarify the process for making referrals
- Determine how PHAs will prioritize target populations that may not be involved with CE
- Establish pathways to gain timely access to housing-related supports and services for EHV recipients



Which of the following agencies who deliver Medicaid funded services are PHAs/CoCs already partnering with?

- Behavioral Health Agencies
- Community Health Centers
- Managed Care Organizations
- Other (please identify “other” in the chat)

What have been the greatest barriers to accessing needed housing-related supports and services for Medicaid enrolled individuals?

- Lack of funding for services
- Lack of provider capacity to deliver services
- Individuals you serve don't meet eligibility criteria for services
- Lack of information on where or how to make referrals for services
- Individuals are not engaged/interested in receiving services
- Other (please identify "other" in the chat)



Questions?



Thank You!