

# Transition from Treatment Basis of Eligibility Housing Support

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# Road Map:

- Who is this training for?
- What is Housing Support?
- What is the transition from treatment basis of eligibility?
- How do people access the TRTX basis?
- What happens at the end of 3 months?

# Who is this training for?

- Residential Behavioral Health Treatment providers serving people who have housing instability when they discharge.
- Housing Support providers who have a signed agreement with the county or tribe.

# What is Housing Support?

- 100% state-funded income support to pay for housing expenses, and sometimes additional services
  - Always
    - Starting **7/1/2022** (approximately 20,000 people)
      - Room and board, up to **\$1,041** for group settings
      - Room and board, up to **\$1,091** for supportive housing settings (minus Metro Demo)
  - Sometimes
    - supplemental services, **\$482.84**, *or higher if approved by legislature* (approximately 6,400 people)

# Housing Support Standards

- Provision of room and board (everyone on Housing Support)
  - three nutritious meals a day
  - a bed, clothing storage, linen, bedding, laundry supplies
  - housekeeping, including cleaning and lavatory supplies or service
  - maintenance and operation of the building and grounds
- Provision of supplemental services (in addition to room and board for about 30% of recipients)
  - **connect people with resources for identified needs**
  - **case notes**
  - general oversight and supervision
  - arranging for medical and social services
  - assist with transportation
  - *other if required by legislature*

## **Three things have to be true:**

- Eligible person
- Eligible provider
- Eligible place

## Everyone must have both:

**Low Income** – a person's countable income cannot exceed the Housing Support benefit amount

- If a person will only receive the room and board rate, their countable income cannot exceed \$1,041 or \$1,091 depending on their setting
- If a person is eligible for supplemental services, their countable income cannot exceed the entire benefit they will receive (typically **\$1,523.84 or \$1,573.84** per month)
  - A client's maximum obligation is \$1,041 or \$1,091 depending on their setting

**Low Assets** – MN cash programs have an asset limit of \$10K

- People should be aware that other programs such as Medical Assistance or SSI require lower asset limits

## Everyone must have **ONE** of the following bases of eligibility

- Age – 65 and up
- Certified Disability
  - Through federal government with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI)
  - Through state government with State Medical Review Team (SMRT) assessment
- Disabling Condition
  - Verified by qualified professional or county designee on the Professional Statement of Need (PSN)



# Transition from Residential Behavioral Health Treatment

- ~~• Must have low income and assets~~
- ~~• Age – 65 and up~~
- ~~• Certified Disability (SSI, RSDI, SMRT)~~
- ~~• Disabling Condition~~
  - ~~• *Verified by qualified professional or county designee*~~
- Must be exiting residential behavioral health treatment without a fixed, adequate nighttime residence
  - Residential Crisis Stabilization, Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS), or inpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment

# Transition from Residential Behavioral Health Treatment

**Do not need to verify income or assets for up to 3 months**



# New Housing Support Basis of Eligibility: Transition from Residential Treatment

## Residential Behavioral Health Treatment

- Documented housing instability when leaving treatment (**Professional Statement of Need**)
- Connect to Housing Support provider
- Apply for Housing Support

## Transition from Residential Treatment

- Eligibility: **Up to 3** benefit months OR when person leaves.
- First month could be partial.
- No income or assets
- Need to be “technically” eligible.
- No interview unless needed to verify something.

## Longer Term or Permanent


Ongoing Housing Support in same location if eligible.

Ongoing Housing Support in different location if eligible.

No Housing Support

## Section 5: Transition from Residential Treatment to Minnesota Housing Support Program

- For MA Housing Stabilization Services: This section is not required.
- For Minnesota Housing Support applicants who are exiting a residential Behavioral Health Treatment Program: Must be completed and signed by residential Behavioral Health Treatment staff.
- NOTE: Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this form are not required for completion of this section. Residential treatment staff completing this section may be the same as the Qualified Professional listed above. Residential treatment staff must complete this section whether or not they are a qualified professional.

<input type="checkbox"/> The person named above lacks a fixed, adequate, nighttime residence upon discharge from this residential Behavioral Health Treatment Program.		DATE OF DISCHARGE: <input type="text"/>
NAME OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT STAFF <input type="text"/>	NAME OF RESIDENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM <input type="text"/>	
SIGNATURE  <input type="text"/>		DATE <input type="text"/>

In the last month of transitional eligibility, the Housing Support provider is **required by state law** to help the individual apply for ongoing Housing Support, if the person wants to continue using the benefit.

- Consistent communication with the county or tribe before the transitional period of eligibility ends will help the person maintain their benefits.
- Note that the basis of eligibility is changing – so the person will need to submit verification of disability, disabling condition, or age as well as income and assets
- There is no limit to how many times a person can use this basis of eligibility.

Q: How do people in treatment find a Housing Support provider?

A: HB101 Places

The screenshot shows the 'Housing Benefits 101' website. The header includes the logo 'Your Home. Your Choice.' and navigation links for HOME, SITUATIONS, PROGRAMS, PLACES (highlighted), MY VAULT, GLOSSARY, and PARTNERS. A search bar is in the top right. The main banner features 'HB101 Places' with the tagline 'Find the Right Home + Services For You.' and two call-to-action buttons: 'Don't need services with your housing? Find affordable housing on HousingLink.' and 'For places with services in Hennepin County, use Hennepin Housing Key.' Below the banner is a 'Quick Start' section with 'How-to' and 'About' buttons. A 'Filters:' section includes 'Sort by: distance' and 'Vacancy: Has vacancies' with 'Save as...' and 'Load a saved filter set...' options. The 'Location:' section has an input field and a distance dropdown set to 'All miles'. On the right, a map of Minnesota is populated with numerous red location pins, primarily concentrated in the central and eastern parts of the state. The map also shows state boundaries for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, and labels for various reservations and cities.

Can filter by: distance from location, household size, waiver services, other health services, criminal background, building access, sobriety policy, smoking, pets, and program type

HB101 Places Support:

[MNsupport@hb101places.com](mailto:MNsupport@hb101places.com)

855-333-8207



Q: How do people in treatment find a Housing Support provider?

A: Treatment providers and Housing Support providers are building connections to help smooth door-to-door transitions happen.



- What does the treatment provider need to do?
  - Complete Professional Statement of Need, Section 5
  - Help the individual find a Housing Support provider with an opening
- What does the Housing Support provider need to do?
  - Help the person submit the Professional Statement of Need ([DHS-7122](#)), Combined Application Form ([DHS-5223](#)), and personal identification to the county/tribal financial assistance department.
  - Meet the minimum room/board and service standards for the transitional period
  - Help the person apply for ongoing benefits if they want to

# Thank You!

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