



**DEPARTMENT OF
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What's New in Housing Support

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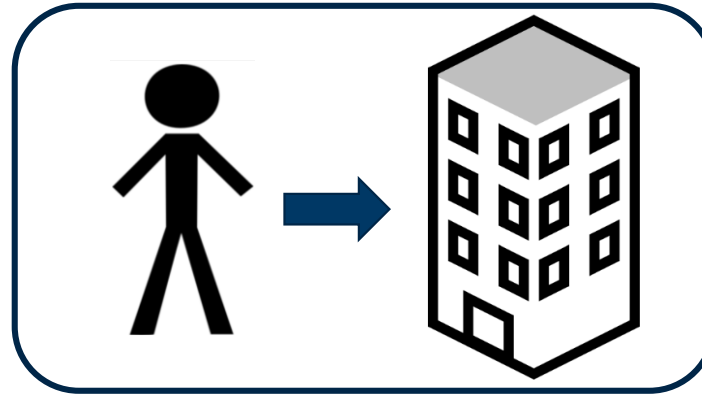
What we'll cover today

- Housing Support basics
- “Transition from Residential Treatment” basis of eligibility
- New Professional Statement of Need
- Changes for IRTS and crisis settings
- HB101 places
- MSA Housing Assistance changes
- Weave in new Housing Stabilization Services

DHS resources in context

Services

- Supportive Housing
 - LTHSS
 - HUD Homeless programs
 - **Housing Support Supplemental Services (LTH and non-LTH)**
- Personal Care Assistant (PCA)
- Waiver Programs
- Mental Health
 - Targeted Case Management
 - Assertive Community Treatment
 - ARMHS
 - Grant funded supports (PATH / HSASMI)
- **Housing Stabilization Services (7/2020)**



Housing

- Self-pay
- Income supplements
 - **Housing Support**
 - **MSA Housing Assistance**
- Public Housing Authority
- Vouchers
 - Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher)
 - Bridges and Bridges RTC
 - Housing Trust Fund rental assistance
 - Family Unification Program
- Project-based
 - Section 8
 - HUD Homeless programs
 - Housing Trust Fund rental assistance

Life Factors

- Income / Assets
- Housing stability
- Disability status
- Living situation
- Preferences
- Service need

Housing Support

8 quick facts:

- Formerly Group Residential Housing (GRH).
- Money to help eligible people pay housing-related expenses.
- People have to apply.
- Paid to eligible providers on behalf of eligible people.
- Providers have a job to do.
- Places have to be eligible too.
- Not just for single adults.
- People can work!

How Housing Support Works

People pay their
countable income.



Max Rate



State of
Minnesota pays
the rest.



Housing Support

- 100% state-funded income support to pay for housing expenses, and sometimes additional services
 - Always
 - Room and Board, up to **\$934** per month (20,000 people)
 - Starting **7/1/2020**
 - Sometimes
 - Supplemental Services, **\$482.84**, *or higher if approved by legislature* (5,800 people)

Housing Support Standards

- Provision of room and board (everyone who on Housing Support)
 - three nutritional meals a day
 - a bed, clothing storage, linen, bedding, laundry supplies
 - housekeeping
 - maintenance and operation of the building and grounds
- Provision of supplemental services (in addition to room and board for about 25% 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*

Applying for Housing Support

- People have to apply for Housing Support to get it
 - Combined Application Form (**DHS-5223**) **OR** Change Report Form (**DHS-2402**) if a person is open on a cash assistance program already, **OR** Online (**applymn.org**).
 - Date of application impacts program start date
 - Only page 1 of the CAF must be complete to “lock in” the application date (name, address and signature)
 - Interview is required (but doesn’t need to be in-person)
 - Other documents needed
 - Income and asset verifications
 - Disability verifications
 - Interim Assistance Agreement required for anyone not already on SSI

Administering Housing Support

- People have to apply for other programs for which they appear to be eligible (like Social Security).
 - SOAR/SSI advocacy can help people.
 - Disability Hub – 866-333-2466
 - “Good cause” exception

Maintaining Housing Support

- People need to report changes within 10 days.
 - Starting and stopping work, other income changes, move out, etc.
- Absences
 - 18 days at a time (depending on circumstances) up to 60 days per year
 - County tracking required.
 - County staff should contact DHS policy area with questions.

Housing Support

Three things have to be true:

- Eligible person
- Eligible provider - No change
- Eligible place - No change

Eligible Person

- Must have low income and assets
- Adults age 65 or older, or adults age 18 or older with a certified disability or disabling condition that prevents work *to the level of self-support*

Housing Support and Work

- New asset limit of \$10,000
 - SSI recipients still follow SSI rules
- New earned income calculation for non-SSI recipients
 - Disregard the first \$65, then keep half of the rest
- New earned income reporting requirements
 - Most people report earned income every six months and keep increases during that time.

Housing Support and Work

	Not Working	Working Some	Working More
Monthly Gross Earned Income	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$2139.00
Earned Income Disregard:			
• First \$65	-\$0.00	-\$65.00	-\$65.00
	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$2074.00
• ½ remaining	\$0.00	-\$105.00	-\$1037.00
Countable Earned Income	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$1037.00
Personal Needs Allowance	\$104.00	-\$104.00	-\$104.00
Amount Resident Pays	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$933.00
State Housing Support payment	\$934.00	\$933.00	\$1.00
Resident's Available Cash	\$104.00	\$274.00	\$1206.00

Eligible Person

- **Basis of eligibility = verified reason**
 - Elderly – 65 and up
 - Certified Disability (SSI, RSDI, SMRT)
 - Disabling Condition (some GA conditions)
 - *Verified by qualified professional or county designee*
 - Transition from Residential Treatment
 - *Verified by residential behavioral health treatment staff*

New Professional Statement of Need (PSN)

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 - New elements to streamline eligibility for programs and services.
 - Housing Support
 - Basic program eligibility for recipients with disabling conditions.
 - Supplemental Service Rate eligibility
 - New “Transition from Residential Treatment” basis
 - Housing Stabilization Services
 - New MA state-plan service to help people with disabilities find and keep housing.

New Housing Support Basis of Eligibility: Transition from Residential Treatment

- **Residential Behavioral Health Treatment**
 - Licensed residential crisis stabilization services
 - Licensed Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS)
 - Licensed residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment

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

Traditional Housing Support in same location if eligible.

Traditional Housing Support in different location if eligible.

No Housing Support

New Housing Support Basis of Eligibility: Transition from Residential Treatment

**Residential
Behavioral Health
Treatment**

**Transition from
Residential
Treatment**

**Longer Term or
Permanent**

1.

7/15 – 8/10

8/10 – 10/31

11/1 and ongoing

2.

7/15 – 8/10

8/10 – 10/31

11/1 and ongoing

3.

7/15 – 8/10

8/10 – 10/31

Not eligible

4.

7/15 – 8/10

8/10 – 9/30

10/1 and ongoing

New Housing Support Basis of Eligibility: Transition from Residential Treatment

- **Important to know:**

- People will get connected to housing support providers from treatment in a variety of ways.
- Eligibility is based on residential treatment staff verification.
- No changes to Supplemental Service Rate (SSR) eligibility or availability.
- Housing Support providers must help people apply for ongoing Housing Support payments if needed.

HB101 Places – new tool

Real time openings for people looking for housing with supportive services:

- One location to see a variety of housing options
- People can filter their search based on their service
- Allows efficient connection to Housing Support providers with openings

For providers:

- Show openings and property details.
- Provide online description of housing and eligibility criteria.
- Reduce calls about vacancies.
- Create a variety of useful reports for business and funding needs.

Housing Support Places

Housing Support Setting Type (MAXIS VND2 CODE)	Group Setting	Community Setting	7/1/2019 - 7/31/2021	8/1/2021 - forward	DHS License Required	MDH License Required	MDH Registration Required	Lease Required	Meals Provided	SNAP eligible	Habitability Inspection Required	Supplemental Service Rate (SSR) available? *	SSR using "Banked Beds"?
Adult Foster Care (04)	X		available	available	X				X			No	N/A
Boarding Care Home (02)	X		available	available		X			X			Maybe	No
Board and Lodge (04)	X		available	available		X			X			No	N/A
Board and Lodge with Special Services (06)	X		available	available		X	X		X			Maybe	If available
Hotel/Restaurant (05)	X		available	available		X			X			Maybe	If available
Supervised Living Facility (03)	X		available	available		X			X			Maybe	If available
Housing with Services Establishment - assisted living (09)	X		available				X	X	X			Maybe	If available
Assisted Living License (TBD)	X			available		X			X			Maybe	If available
Housing with Services Establishment - independent living (09)		X	available				X	X		X		Maybe	If available
Supportive Housing (10)		X	available	available				X		X	X	Maybe	If available
Supportive Housing - LTH (10)		X	available	available				X		X	X	Yes	No
Metro Demonstration Project (08)		X	available	available				X		X	X	Yes	No
Tribe Certified Housing - group (07)	X		available	available					X			Maybe	If available
Tribe Certified Housing - independent living (07)		X	available	available				X		X		Maybe	If available

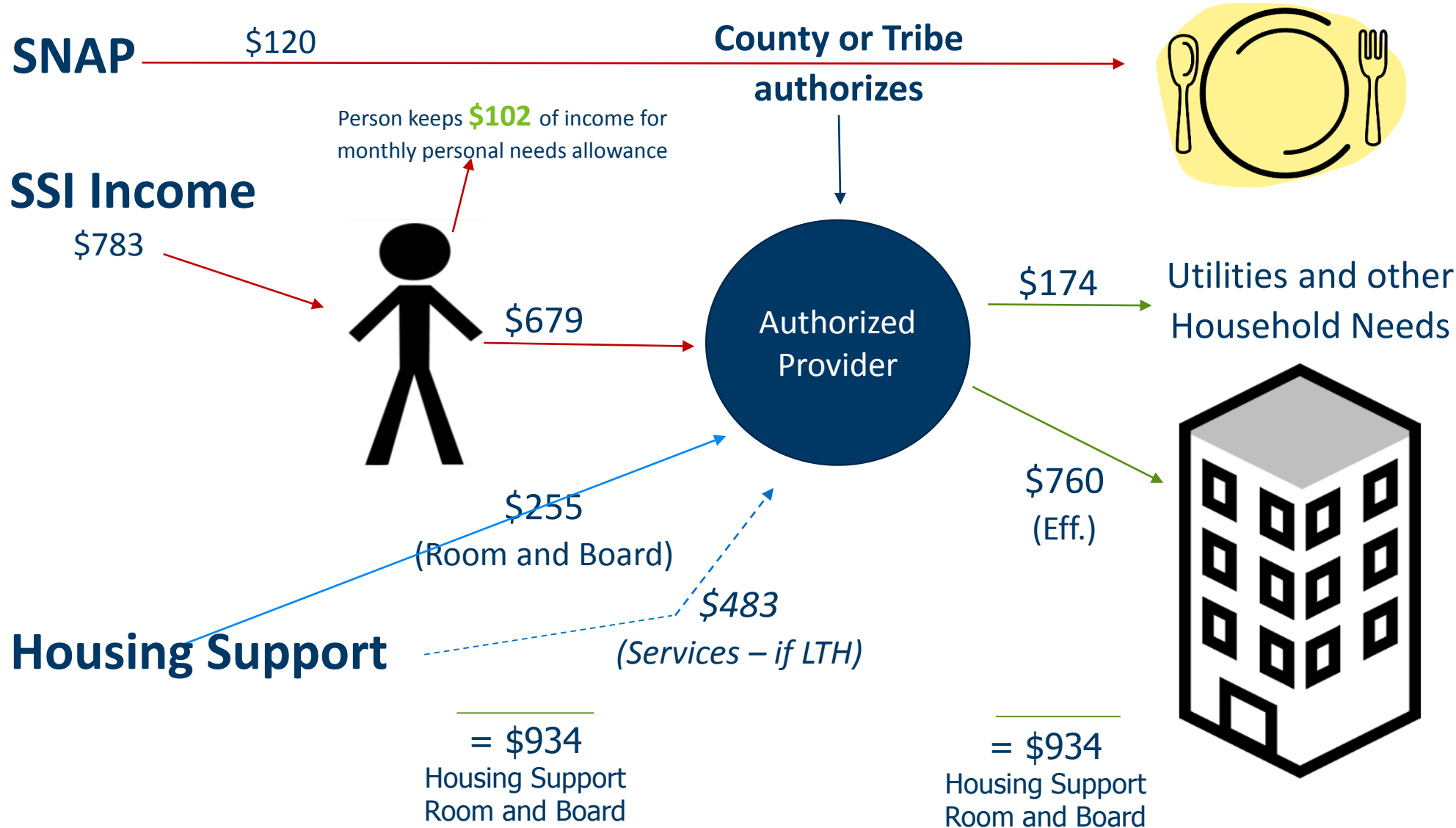
Supportive housing

- **Habitability inspection for each unit**
- **Long Term Homeless programs need these for Supplemental Service Rate:**
 - **LTH verification form**
 - **Referred by coordinated entry system**
 - *find local entry points on mn.hb101.org*

Send to eligibility worker at application.

Housing Support

Community Setting – SSI Income



- Housing Support providers must ensure every recipient has:
- food preparation and service for three nutritional meals a day on site
 - a bed
 - clothing storage
 - linens/bedding
 - laundry supplies or service
 - housekeeping
 - lavatory supplies or service
 - maintenance and operation of the building and grounds

MSA Housing Assistance Eligibility

- Eligible for MSA, **and**
- Housing costs >40% of gross monthly income, **and**
- Under age 65 at initial eligibility, **and EITHER**
 - Relocating from institution: hospital, nursing facility, regional treatment center, intermediate care facility, intensive residential treatment services OR
 - **Transitioning from Housing Support OR**
 - Eligible for Personal Care services, **OR**
 - Waiver recipient in their own home or apartment.

MSA Housing Assistance (after 7/1/2020)

\$783	SSI benefit
<u>\$81</u>	MSA benefit
+\$392	MSA Housing Assistance
\$473	Total MSA benefit
\$1,256	Total monthly income

= 60% increase in income over SSI alone

Housing Stabilization Services Housing Support Program Impact

2017 legislation for MN to pursue MA housing services:

- Duplication with supplemental services estimated at 50% (not 100%), for people in community-based settings
- Reduction of supplemental service rates by 50% scheduled for July 2021, only for these categories:
 - Long-Term Homeless Supportive Housing
 - Metro Demo
 - Housing with Services Independent Living (not assisted living)
- Reduction not dependent on provider enrollment in MA services

Housing Stabilization Services Housing Support Program Impact

What should Housing Support providers do?

- Identify which Housing Stabilization Service is a good fit for your agency to provide
- Enroll to become a Housing Stabilization Services provider
- Use the time to develop processes before rates change
- Develop partnerships for assessments, person-centered plans, and billing
- Get technical assistance if needed

Housing Stabilization Service - Resources

[Housing Stabilization Services DHS page](#)

Program overview, presentations, recordings, FAQ, etc.

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