



**DEPARTMENT OF
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Housing Support + Housing Stabilization Services

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What we'll cover today

- Housing Support basics
 - Who is for? How does it work? What is included in the benefit?
- Housing Support expanded access
 - Transition from treatment basis of eligibility
 - Extended absence policy
- Housing Stabilization Services
 - Who is it for? How does it work?
 - How does it work together with Housing Support?

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 **\$954** per month (20,000 people)
 - Starting **7/1/2021**
 - Sometimes
 - Supplemental Services, \$482.84, *or higher if approved by legislature* (5,800 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 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*

Housing Support - Supplemental Services

- **Supplemental Service Rate (SSR) –**
- Must be part of Housing Support agreement
 - Available in two ways
 - Assigned based on existing county or tribal capacity
 - Not widely available because of moratorium
 - Authorized by state legislature in statute
 - Example: Long-term homeless (LTH) supportive housing
 - Individual eligibility from Qualified Professional (PSN)
 - No overlap with PCA and waiver services

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 (**mnbenefits.org**).
 - Other documents needed
 - Income and asset verifications
 - Disability verifications
 - Interim Assistance Agreement required for anyone not already on SSI

Housing Support

Three things have to be true:

- Eligible person
- Eligible provider
- Eligible place

Eligible Person

- Must have low income and assets
 - Countable income less than the benefit
 - Assets below \$10,000
- 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*

Eligible Person

- **Basis of eligibility = verified reason**
 - Elderly – 65 and up
 - Certified Disability (SSI, RSDI, SMRT)
 - Disabling Condition
 - *Verified by qualified professional or county designee*

Transition from Residential Behavioral Health Treatment

- ~~Must have low income and assets~~
- ~~Elderly – 65 and up~~
- ~~Certified Disability (SSI, RSDI, SMRT)~~
- ~~Disabling Condition~~
 - ~~*Verified by qualified professional or county designee*~~
- Must be exiting residential behavioral health treatment
 - 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



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.
 - **NEW – up to 92 days at a time if a person is staying in residential behavioral health, hospital, or nursing home**

Professional Statement of Need (PSN)

- Professional Statement of Need (PSN)
 - 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.

Eligible Person

What people need to do:

- Apply
- Be eligible
- Pay their portion
- Verify information and report changes
- Work if they want to

Eligible Provider

- **Counties or tribes sign standardized Housing Support agreement with providers.**
 - Group or community versions
 - Updated annually
 - Non-transferable
 - Sets standards
 - Authorizes provider capacity
 - Establishes rates

Eligible Provider

- **Background study requirements**
 - Net Study 2.0 through DHS
 - Broad umbrella applies to:
 - Controlling individuals and managerial officials
 - All employees and volunteers of the establishment who have direct contact with Housing Support recipients, or who have unsupervised access to Housing Support recipients, their personal property, or their private data.

Eligible Provider

- Minimum staff qualifications
 - Slightly smaller umbrella applies to “direct contact” staff
 - anyone who is providing face-to-face care, training, supervision, counseling, consultation or medication assistance to people receiving Housing Support.
 - Three requirements...
 1. Minimum education or experience
 2. Appropriate driver’s license
 3. Completion of required trainings
 - Vulnerable Adult / Mandated Reporter training
 - Program orientation training

Eligible Provider - Getting started

Prospective Housing Support Providers need to:

1. Follow county or tribal process
2. Sign the agreement
3. Help people apply
4. Meet program standards

Eligible Places

- **Two types of places:**

- Group Settings
 - Meals must be provided.
- Community-based Settings
 - People have their own lease and have the option to prepare their own meals.

- **Every place has to be:**

- Licensed or registered, OR
- Tribally authorized, OR
- Exempt in state law

Housing Support Setting Characteristics

Housing Support Setting Type (MAXIS VND2 CODE - DHS or Health Dept License)	Group Setting	Community Setting	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		x				X			No	N/A
Boarding Care Home (02**)	X			x			X			Maybe	No
Board and Lodge (04**)	X			x			X			No	N/A
Board and Lodge with Special Services (06**)	X			x	X		X			Maybe	If available
Hotel/Restaurant (05**)	X			x			X			Maybe	If available
Supervised Living Facility (03**)	X			x			X			Maybe	If available
Assisted Living (09**)	X			x			X			Maybe	If available
Supportive Housing - GENERAL (10**)		X				X		X	X	Maybe	If available
Supportive Housing - LTH (10**)		X				X		X	X	Yes	No
Metro Demonstration Project (08**)		X				X		X	X	Yes	No
Tribe Certified Housing - group (07**)	X						X			Maybe	If available
Tribe Certified Housing - independent living (07**)		X				X		X		Maybe	If available

* = DHS License Type on VND2 panel; ** = MDH License Type on VND2 panel

* SSR is available if authorized in MN Statutes Chapter 2561.04 or 2561.05. Contact the Housing Support team at dhs.dhs_grh@state.mn.us with questions about authorization for use of Supplemental Service Rates.

How to find a Housing Support provider

- Community settings – often through coordinated entry. Call your local county or tribe to find out more.
- Group settings – find openings at HB101 Places or Hennepin Housing Key

HB101 Places

Find the Right Home + Services For You.

Don't need services with your housing?
Find affordable housing on HousingLink. [↗](#)

For places with services in Hennepin
County, use Hennepin Housing Key. [↗](#)

Quick Start

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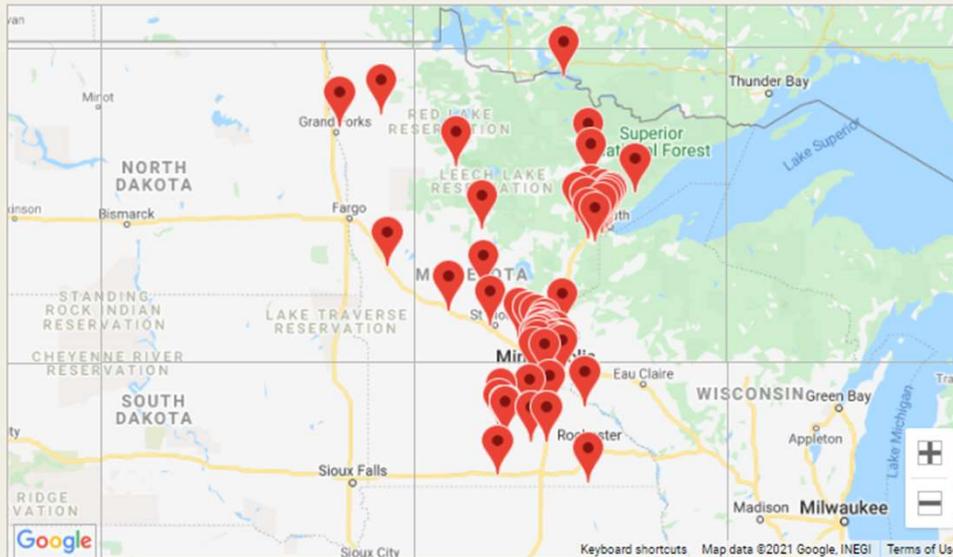
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Can filter by: distance from location, household size, waiver services, other health services, criminal background, building access, sobriety policy, smoking, pets, and program type

Housing Stabilization Services

- Housing Support pays for the room and board – the stuff
- Housing Stabilization Services pays for services / case management
 - 2017 MN state legislature authorized DHS to seek federal approval for Housing Stabilization Services, and the service became available in 2020.
 - **MN was the first state in the nation to take advantage of these service dollars!**
 - For the first time, housing services follow the person, not the unit.
 - Currently about 8,000 people currently enrolled in Housing Stabilization Services

Housing Stabilization Services

- Individual eligibility
 - MA
 - 18 years or older
 - Disability or disabling condition
 - Housing instability – meets MN’s definition for homeless, at-risk of homelessness, currently transitioning or have recently transitioned from an institution or licensed/registered setting, eligible for waiver services
 - Verified through PSN, MnCHOICES assessment, or coordinated entry assessment
 - Need for services due to limitations caused by the individual’s disability
 - Need assistance due to disability in one of the following areas: communication, mobility, decision-making, managing challenging behaviors
 - Verified through the same process as housing instability

Housing Stabilization Services

Application Process

- Providers submit eligibility documents and assessment outcomes into state run eligibility system.
- DHS staff reviews documents and notifies providers about person's approval or denial
- If denied, a notification sent to person seeking services and providers with details about why and how to resolve
- Once provider receives approval, they will bill through MNITs portal for all Fee for Service recipients.
- All other billing submissions will be based on recipient's Managed Care Organizations.

Housing Stabilization Services

- Eligible Providers
 - Knowledge of local housing resources
 - Online Housing Transition and Sustaining training
 - Mandated reporter training on vulnerable adults
 - Pass a criminal background study
- Enroll as MA provider
- Enroll through MN Provider Screening portal every 5 years. Can enroll as both consultant and transition/sustaining provider

Housing Stabilization Services

3 types of activities are billable:

1. Consultation to create a person-centered plan.

- This could happen with a waiver case manager, targeted case manager, senior care coordinator, or housing consultant

2. Transition services

- Services that assist a person to plan for, find, and move to a home in the community

3. Sustaining services

- Services that support a person to maintain living in their home in the community

Housing Stabilization Services – Fee for service rates

- Consultation - \$174.22 per session
 - At enrollment and then annually OR if major change in circumstances OR upon request of recipient
 - For enrolled Housing Consultation providers only; case managers will not be able to bill
- Transition Services - \$17.17 per 15 minute unit
 - Limit of 150 hours per transition
- Sustaining Services - \$17.17 per 15 minute unit
 - Limit of 150 hours annually

Q FIND: All

Housing Stabilization

- Housing Stabilization
- Crisis Stabilization
- Crisis Stabilization Residential Service
- Housing and Redevelopment Authority - Housing Choice Voucher
- Accessible Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Housing Authorities
- Housing Consultation
- Housing Counseling
- Housing Support

Popular Topics

- Families
- Government
- People Experiencing Homelessness
- People with Disabilities
- Refugees
- Seniors
- Taxonomy Search
- Transportation
- Unemployment
- Veterans
- Waiver Services
- Youth

Where?



Heating Bills

Need help paying your heating bills this winter?

Find [local organizations](#) that can help pay heating bills or other utility bills. Learn more about the [Cold Weather Rule](#) in Minnesota that protects customers from having service shut off in the winter.

- Programs to [help reduce your energy costs](#) are also available.
- If you need help, call the Senior Linkage Line at (800) 333-2433 or click "Chat With Us" at the top of the screen.

Housing Stabilization Services and Housing Support

Sometimes, people can get both Housing Support and Housing Stabilization Services.

- If a person is getting Housing Support supplemental services AND Housing Stabilization Services simultaneously, their Housing Support provider will only get paid half of the service rate.
 - Billing for about 3.5 hours of transition or sustaining services will make up for the loss of \$241
- In some settings, a person could get Housing Support but not be eligible for Housing Stabilization Services. Be sure to check eligibility requirements for both programs.

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