



High Priority Homeless Eligibility Option

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Our Mission

Housing is the foundation for success, so we collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance affordable housing.

Agenda

- Review the new High Priority Homeless (HPH) eligibility option for long-term homeless units or rental assistance programs
- Eligibility definitions
- How it will work
- Benefits of the change
- Questions?

Overview of HPH Eligibility Option

- 2018 Multifamily RFP – Changed eligibility for new supportive housing units from long-term homeless (LTH) to high priority homeless (HPH)
- 2019 – Existing properties with LTH units and Housing Trust Fund LTH rental assistance programs have the option to use the HPH eligibility

Eligibility Definitions

- **“Households Experiencing Long-term Homelessness”** (LTH) is defined as persons, including individuals, youth, and families with children, lacking a permanent place to live continuously for one year or more or at least four times in the past three years. Any period of institutionalization or incarceration must be excluded when determining the length of time a household has been homeless.
- **High Priority Homeless”** (HPH) is defined as households prioritized for permanent supportive housing by the Coordinated Entry system.
- **“Coordinated Entry System”** is the Coordinated Entry system defined by statewide Coordinated Entry standards and protocol as adopted by the local Continuum of Care or such successor system as determined by Minnesota Housing.

How It Will Work: Referrals and Documentation

- What to do to start using the new HPH eligibility:
 - Notify the Coordinated Entry manager that you are changing the eligibility for your LTH units or rental assistance program
 - Update your program/property information form for Coordinated Entry
- How to document HPH eligibility:
 - [HPH Eligibility Confirmation Form – HMIS report](#)
 - [HPH Eligibility Confirmation Form for Households not in HMIS](#)

How It Will Work: Compliance

- Our monitoring and compliance staff will accept either the LTH or HPH eligibility verification for LTH units or rental assistance programs for households moving into a unit or entering into the rental assistance program on or after January 1, 2019
- The HPH eligibility option is only for LTH units or rental assistance programs funded by Minnesota Housing
- Other funding sources for the rent or services may still require LTH eligibility
 - Housing Support (formerly GRH)
 - Long-term Homeless Supportive Services Fund

How It Will Work: Reporting

- HMIS:
 - Data entry and reporting will not change for LTH and HPH units
 - HMIS LTH report names will not change
 - HMIS LTH provider naming structure will not change
- PORT: Properties will report LTH or HPH eligible households as HPH on the Household Characteristics
- The Annual Supportive Housing Property Survey will cover both LTH and HPH units

We may update these report items at some point in the future

Benefits of the HPH Eligibility Option

- Much easier to document HPH eligibility compared to LTH eligibility documentation
- The time to fill a vacant unit or utilize rental assistance for a household will be reduced
- Households will be prioritized for supportive housing based on their assessed needs and local priorities

Questions?

Type your question into the question box or raise your hand and we will unmute your line

Website Resource

- Information on the High-priority Homeless Eligibility Option is available on our website:
- www.mnhousing.gov
- Multifamily Rental Partners > Ending Homelessness > Supportive Housing



Thank you!

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