

# DEVELOPING A MEDICAID SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES BENEFIT IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

## PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND SERVICE PACKAGE

**This document presents proposed eligibility criteria and covered services to be included in the proposal to Nevada's state legislature to expand the state's 1915(i) waiver to include people experiencing homelessness.**

The proposal includes four categories (or tiers) of benefit eligibility, each of which would be entitled to a different package of services. The document first presents the eligibility criteria and service package proposed for each Tier. It then presents a chart of potential services, marked to indicate which services would be covered in each Tier's proposed service package.

### TIER 1 BENEFICIARY GROUP: CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

#### BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Tier 1 benefits, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Chronically homeless (according to HUD definition); **or**
- Likely chronically homeless, but without sufficient documentation to establish status according to HUD requirements.

#### and

Have at least one of the following health conditions:

- Primary severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI)
- Primary mental health diagnosis but not at the SPMI level
- Primary substance use diagnosis
- Chronic health needs (disability, at-risk of institutional care, or multiple chronic illnesses)

#### SERVICE PACKAGE (SEE CHART ON PAGES 6-8 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL)

##### **Housing Transition Services:**

- Tenant screening/housing assessment

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- Housing support plan
- Housing search assistance
- Housing application assistance
- One-time expenses
- Moving expenses
- Housing support crisis plan

### Housing and Tenancy Sustaining Services:

- Identifications of barriers to housing stability
- Relationship building
- Dispute resolution
- Eviction defense
- Housing support crisis plan
- Tenancy training

### Housing-Related Collaborative Activities:

- Working Agreements

### TIER 1 BENEFICIARY GROUP: POPULATION ESTIMATE

Note that the below data represents all chronically homeless persons within the geographic area. It does not take into account specific medical diagnoses.

Geographic Area	Total Sheltered CH Persons (PIT)	Total Unsheltered CH Persons (PIT)	Total CH Persons Served (HMIS)
NV-500 (Las Vegas/Clark County CoC)	38	420	
NV-501 (Reno, Sparks/Washoe County CoC)	52	38	
NV-502 (Nevada Balance of State CoC)	27	19	
State Total	117	477	

Additional data-related sources for reference:

- HMIS

## TIER 2 BENEFICIARY GROUP: HOMELESS

### BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Tier 2 benefits, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Homeless; **or**
- Being released from an institutional setting into homelessness

### and

Have at least one of the following health conditions:

- Primary severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI)
- Primary mental health diagnosis but not at the SPMI level
- Primary substance use diagnosis
- Chronic health needs (disability, at-risk of institutional care, or multiple chronic illnesses)

### SERVICE PACKAGE (SEE CHART ON PAGES 6-8 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL)

#### **Housing Transition Services:**

- Tenant screening/housing assessment
- Housing support plan
- Housing search assistance
- Housing application assistance
- One-time expenses
- Moving expenses
- Housing support crisis plan

#### **Housing and Tenancy Sustaining Services:**

- Identifications of barriers to housing stability
- Housing support crisis plan

#### **Housing-Related Collaborative Activities:**

- Working Agreements

### TIER 2 BENEFICIARY GROUP: POPULATION ESTIMATE

Note that the below data represents all non-chronically homeless persons within the geographic area. It does not take into account specific medical diagnoses.

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Geographic Area	Total Sheltered Homeless Persons Excl. CH Persons (PIT)	Total Unsheltered Homeless Persons Excl. CH Persons (PIT)	Total Homeless Persons Excl. CH Persons (HMIS)
NV-500 (Las Vegas/Clark County CoC)	3,593	3,496	
NV-501 (Reno, Sparks/Washoe County CoC)	742	75	
NV-502 (Nevada Balance of State CoC)	114	167	
State Total	4,449	3,738	

Additional data-related sources for reference:

- HMIS
- Healthcare for the Homeless

### TIER 3 BENEFICIARY GROUP: UNSTABLY HOUSED

#### BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Tier 3 benefits, individuals must be experiencing housing instability

**and**

Have at least one of the following health conditions:

- Primary severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI)
- Primary mental health diagnosis but not at the SPMI level
- Primary substance use diagnosis
- Chronic health needs (disability, at-risk of institutional care, or multiple chronic illnesses)

#### SERVICE PACKAGE (SEE CHART ON PAGES 4-6 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL)

##### Housing Transition Services:

- Housing support plan

### Housing and Tenancy Sustaining Services:

- Relationship building
- Dispute resolution
- Eviction defense
- Tenancy training

## TIER 4 BENEFICIARY GROUP: SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS

### BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Tier 4 benefits, individuals must be currently living in supportive housing or other housing covered by the benefit

#### and

Have at least one of the following health conditions:

- Primary severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI)
- Primary mental health diagnosis but not at the SPMI level
- Primary substance use diagnosis
- Chronic health needs (disability, at-risk of institutional care, or multiple chronic illnesses)

### SERVICE PACKAGE (SEE CHART ON PAGES 6-8 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL)

To be determined, pending feedback from permanent supportive housing providers regarding what the program's and residents' needs are in terms of services to be paid for by Medicaid.

### TIER 4 BENEFICIARY GROUP: POPULATION ESTIMATE

Additional data-related sources for reference:

- HMIS

## OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL SERVICES, WITH PROPOSED SELECTIONS FOR EACH TIER

Housing Transition Services	Housing & Tenancy Sustaining Services	Housing-Related Collaborative Activities
<p><b>Tenant Screening/Housing Assessment:</b> Identify the participant's preferences and barriers related to successful tenancy, including collecting information on potential housing transition barriers and identification of housing retention barriers</p> <p><b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b></p>	<p><b>Identification of Barriers to Housing Stability:</b> Providing early identification and intervention for behaviors that may jeopardize housing, such as late rental payment and other lease violations</p> <p><b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b></p>	<p><b>Working Agreements:</b> Development of formal and informal agreements and working relationships with state and local housing and community development agencies to facilitate access to existing and new housing resources</p> <p><b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b></p>
<p><b>Housing Support Plan:</b> Development of an individualized housing support plan based upon the housing assessment that identified barriers, including short- and long-term measurable goals for each issue, establishment of the participant's approach to meeting the goal, and identification of when other providers or services, both reimbursed and not reimbursed by Medicaid, may be required to meet the goal</p> <p><b>TIER 1, TIER 2, TIER 3</b></p>	<p><b>Tenant/Landlord Rights Training:</b> Education and training on the role, rights, and responsibilities of the tenant and landlord</p>	<p><b>Planning Processes:</b> Participating and contributing to the planning processes of state and local housing and community development agencies, for example, by providing demographic, housing need, and other relevant data for the populations served by the LTSS agencies, among other planning activities</p>
<p><b>Housing Search Assistance</b></p> <p><b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b></p>	<p><b>Relationship Building:</b> Coaching on development and maintenance of key relationships with landlords/property managers with a goal of fostering successful tenancy</p>	<p><b>Identification of Housing Opportunities:</b> Working with housing partners to create and identify opportunities for additional housing options for people wishing</p>

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	<b>TIER 1</b>	to transition to community-based housing
<b>Housing Application Assistance</b> <b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b>	<b>Dispute Resolution:</b> Assistance in resolving disputes with landlords and/or neighbors to reduce risk of eviction of other adverse action  <b>TIER 1, TIER 3</b>	<b>Housing Locator Systems:</b> Coordinating available housing locator systems
<b>One-Time Expenses:</b> Identification of resources to cover expenses such as security deposits, moving costs, furnishings, adaptive aids, environmental modifications, moving costs, and other one-time expenses  <b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b>	<b>Eviction Defense:</b> Advocacy and linkage with community resources to prevent eviction when housing is, or may potentially become, jeopardized  <b>TIER 1, TIER 3</b>	<b>Data Tracking Systems:</b> Coordinating data tracking systems to include housing
<b>Environmental Review:</b> Ensuring that the living environment is safe and ready for move-in	<b>Housing Recertification:</b> Assistance with the housing recertification process	
<b>Moving Expenses:</b> Assistance with arranging for and supporting the details of the move  <b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b>	<b>Housing Support Crisis Plan:</b> Coordination with the tenant to review, update, and modify their housing support and crisis plan on a regular basis to reflect current needs and address existing or recurring housing retention barriers  <b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b>	
<b>Housing Support Crisis Plan:</b> Development of a housing support crisis plan including prevention and	<b>Tenancy Training:</b> Continuing training in being a good tenant and lease compliance, including	

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early intervention services when housing is jeopardized <b>TIER 1, TIER 2</b>	ongoing support with activities related to household management <b>TIER 1, TIER 3</b>	