

Housing support

Housing Support (formerly known as Group Residential Housing) is a state-funded program that pays for room and board costs for adults with low incomes who have a disabling condition or are 65 or older. Recipients live in a licensed facility, or an authorized community-based setting, such as their own home. The program aims to reduce and prevent institutional residence or homelessness.

How does it work?

- While some program recipients receive Housing Support in a group setting such as an adult foster care home or a board and lodge facility, about 28% of program recipients receive Housing Support in their own leased apartment.
- County and some tribal human service agencies receive, assess and approve applications.
- Housing providers receive payments on behalf of eligible recipients. Funds are used to pay for rent, utilities, food, household supplies, and other things needed to provide room and board to participants. Recipients may be required to pay a portion of their income toward their housing costs.
- A Supplemental Service rate might be paid in some settings if an individual is not eligible for home and community-based services under Medical Assistance.

Who is eligible?

- All Housing Support recipients younger than 65 years old have conditions that limit their self-sufficiency, such as a physical or mental health disability, visual impairment and substance use disorder.
- Recipients must have income that is lower than their Housing Support benefit amount and assets worth less than \$10,000.
- People exiting residential behavioral health treatment can access Housing Support for up to three months before completing income, asset and disability verifications.

What does it cost?

- The Housing Support rate was paid to an average of 21,394 monthly recipients across the state in fiscal year 2022.
- The current monthly Housing Support Rate limit is \$1041 for group settings and \$1,091 for community settings. On July 1, 2023, these numbers will change to \$1,135 for group settings and \$1,185 for community settings.
- The standard limit for the Supplemental Service rate is \$482.84 per month.

- A total of \$171.9 million was spent for the Housing Support program in fiscal year 2022. The state paid an additional \$7.8 million for the Housing Support Community Living Infrastructure grant.



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