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 disability 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 20% of program recipients receive Housing Support in their own leased apartment.
- County 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 directly to the housing provider.
- 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 served?

- The Housing Support rate was paid to an average of 20,222 monthly recipients across the state in fiscal year (FY) 2017.
- All Housing Support recipients younger than 65 years old have conditions that limit their self-sufficiency, including a physical or mental health disability, visual impairment and substance use disorder.
- Recipients must meet a combination of eligibility requirements set by the Supplemental Security Income program or General Assistance program to qualify for assistance.

What does it cost?

- The current Housing Support Rate limit is $893 per month.
- The standard limit for the Supplemental Service rate is $482.84 per month.
- A total of $157.6 million was spent for the Housing Support program in FY2017.

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