

Health Related Social Needs (HRSN)

HEALTH RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS (HRSN) HOUSING TRANSITION NAVIGATION SERVICES (HTNS)

Under the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP 2.0), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Health Care Authority (HCA) to provide housing transition navigation and rent/temporary housing services.

The state will leverage the existing Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to administer housing transition navigation services to enrollees authorized for FCS Supportive Housing.

Eligibility requirements and allowable expenses

FCS-SH enrollees are eligible to access TAP-HRSN-HTNS funding, so long as they meet AHAH criteria

TAP-HRSN-HTNS covers housing related expenses such as:

- ▶ First month's rent
- ▶ Security and damage deposits
- ▶ Pantry stocking upon move-in
- ▶ Utility set up fees
- ▶ Basic household goods and furniture

Housing Transition Navigation Services, TAP and HRSN Rental Assistance

Name	Description
HRSN Housing Transition Navigation Services	All TAP expenditures besides last month's rent, arrearages, and expenditures for non HRSN eligible individuals
TAP	All original TAP expenditures, and can be used when an individual is not HRSN eligible
HRSN Rent and Temporary Housing	Up to 6 months rent paid through housing authorities

What is HSRN Rental Assistance?

- ▶ 6 months of rental assistance
 - ▶ Currently only paying arrears
- ▶ Max of 150% Fair Market Rent (FMR)
- ▶ Can utilize up to 6 months- once in the demonstration period (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028)
- ▶ Collaboration between HCA and Spokane Housing Authority

HRSN Rental Assistance - Details

- ▶ Can be used in conjunction with TAP funding
 - ▶ BUT must subtract first month's rent accessed via TAP from the six months
- ▶ Can be used in conjunction with Medical Respite Care
 - ▶ BUT must subtract time in Medical Respite from the six months
- ▶ Cannot be used for transitional housing
- ▶ Cannot pay last month's rent
- ▶ Can include utilities if utilities are part of the rent
- ▶ *Individuals accessing rental assistance through Apple Health and Homes are utilizing HRSN for their first 6 months of housing*

Who is Eligible?

Individuals who are:

- 18+
- Living in WA
- Are receiving housing supports (Foundational Community Supports ([FCS](#))-Supportive Housing and/or Support Employment)
- A need for six months (or less) rental assistance
- Qualified for FCS under these risk factors:
 - Chronic homelessness **OR**
 - 2+ institutional contacts or a stay of 90+ days in the past 12 months **OR**
 - 2+ residential care stays in the past 12 months

FCS eligibility

Health criteria	Example
Mental health need for improvement, stabilization, or prevention of deterioration of functioning resulting from the presence of a mental illness	The individual is receiving mental health services through a behavioral health organization (BHO) or integrated managed care (IMC).
Need for outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment	The individual is receiving SUD services through a BHO or IMC.
Need for assistance with three or more activities of daily living (ADL) (receiving long-term care (LTC) services) or Need for hands-on assistance with one or more ADL	The individual is eligible for receiving LTC services and supports through the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA).
Complex physical health need, which is a long continuing or indefinite physical condition requiring improvement, stabilization, or prevention of deterioration of functioning, including ability to live independently without support	The individual is a homeless individual with a disability, determined by a coordinated entry assessment.

FCS Eligibility Continued

Risk factor	Example
Homeless for at least 12 months or Homeless on at least four separate occasions in the last three years (combined to equal at least 12 months) Note: This definition also includes individuals who previously met the HUD definition of chronic homelessness but have been housed in the last 60 days (time housed may not exceed 60 days).	Conditions and/or diagnoses that classify an individual as chronically homeless as established by a coordinated entry provider assessment
Two or more contacts in the past 12 months or 90 or more consecutive days within an institutional setting	Eligible settings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled nursing facility • Inpatient hospital • Psychiatric institution • Correctional facility
Two or more adult residential care stays within the past 12 months	Including adult residential care, enhanced adult residential care, assisted living facilities, adult family homes, or residential treatment facilities
Frequent turnover of in-home caregivers	Three or more different in-home caregiver provider agencies used within the last 12 months
Predictive Risk Intelligence System (PRISM) score of 1.5 or above	Wellpoint, MCOs, BHOs and certain providers have access to PRISM scores

Eligible for HRSN

NOT eligible for HRSN

How to Apply

- ▶ Provider applies on clients behalf
- ▶ Request for rental assistance should be made to Spokane Housing Authority through its portal "Core Relief"
- ▶ Participant and their FCS provider will need to provide verification of need
 - ▶ Documents verifying rent amount (rent log, lease, landlord contact info, etc.)
 - ▶ A P1 number

FCS SH Provider Responsibilities

- ▶ Must ensure participant's individual support plan (care plan, housing plan, etc.) has a housing as a goal
 - ▶ The goal should be specific to finding or maintaining long-term housing
- ▶ Document need for six months rental assistance and discussions with clients in case notes
- ▶ Help participants secure long-term rental subsidies/income
 - ▶ Benefit is maximum of six months arrears
- ▶ Communicate with SHA and landlords as needed, especially in crisis situations (incarceration, death, abandonment of unit)
- ▶ Communicate with HCA and SHA for technical assistance and staffing
- ▶ **Upload relevant documentation in Core Relief (signed lease, rent log, etc.)**

Roles and Responsibilities

Wellpoint

- Verifies risk factors

Spokane Housing Authority

- Verifies landlord information
- Verifies that participant is not accessing HRSN rental assistance through DSHS
- Pays rent to landlord

HCA/FCS

- Cross reference MRC utilization with rental assistance and track utilization by participant
- Provide training and technical assistance to providers
- Act as intermediary between WLP and SHA, manage contracts

Apple Health and Homes Rental Assistance Program (AHAH-RAP)

- ▶ Partnership between Washington HCA's FCS Team and Washington Dept of Commerce's Office of Apple Health and Homes
- ▶ Matches eligible FCS Supportive Housing enrollees with Apple Health and Homes rental units
- ▶ Provides short-term rental assistance to cover the individual's rent while long-term rental subsidy or other plan is determined with support from FCS Supportive Housing service provider

More to Come

- ▶ Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- ▶ Home repairs and modifications
- ▶ Future rent payments

For More Information

- ▶ [Foundational Community Supports | Wellpoint](#)
- ▶ [Spokane Housing Authority – Home Is Where The Start Is](#)
- ▶ [FCS Provider Map](#)
- ▶ [FCS HRSN rental assistance FAQ](#)

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