



Qualifications for Placing Households on the Coordinated Entry Prioritization List for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements and procedures for all providers regarding placing households on the prioritization list for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

Procedures

1. Clients are required to meet the HUD eligibility criteria for PSH programs, including:
 - a. Must meet HUD Category 1 or 4 definition of homelessness (24 CFR Part 587.3)
 - b. Prior living situation must be Emergency Shelter or Unsheltered; if prior living situation is Transitional Housing (TH) or an institution for less than 90 days, must have been homeless immediately prior to entering TH or institution
 - c. One household member must have a long-term disability
2. Clients must be assessed according to their needs and desires for placement, however case managers are strongly advised to consider the availability of specific types of housing opportunities available when placing clients on the list, and discussing the housing options with clients.
 - a. Clients who score low on the Homelessness Assessment Tool (HAT) are recommended for Rapid Rehousing (RRH);
 - b. Clients who score high on the HAT are recommended for PSH;
 - i. All households with a disability present are eligible for PSH programs under the new assessment tool. However, with the limited availability of PSH vouchers, it is strongly recommended that clients with low scores be added to the list for RRH as well as it is unlikely that clients with low scores will be referred into PSH programs. This information should be communicated to the client as well.
3. Prioritization of potential participants:
 - a. Chronically homeless households are prioritized above all others
 - b. The overall HAT score
 - c. Other criteria that determine a person's cumulative prioritization score include length of time homeless, unsheltered, disability, and age.