

Housing for Healthy California (HHC) Program

Eligibility Criteria

At least one person in the household must meet ALL the following requirements to be eligible for an HHC Assisted Unit:

- Is enrolled in or eligible for a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (HPSM, Kaiser)
- Is either:

1) “Experiencing homelessness” as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 1, 2018, or is defined as living on the streets or lacking a fixed regular and adequate nighttime residence (this includes shelters, motels and living situations in which the individual or family has no tenant rights).

Homeless could also mean they will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

(i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance.

(ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and

(iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing.

2) “Experiencing chronic homelessness” as defined in 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 1, 2018, is defined as living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter and has been homeless except that a person who was experiencing chronic homelessness before entering an institution would continue to be defined as Experiencing chronic homelessness upon discharge, regardless of length of stay.

(i) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described in paragraph 1.

(ii) Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90 days will not constitute as a break in homelessness, but rather such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility.

- Has frequent hospitalizations upon initial eligibility, which means the person has had at least one inpatient hospitalization or three emergency room visits in the year prior to the completion of the application.
- The applicant is connected to or eligible for long term in field-based case management.
- The client's household income does not exceed 15-20% of average median income.