

Vermont Medicaid Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance (PSHA) Program

What is it?

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an evidence-based intervention that has been demonstrated to be effective in reducing homelessness. Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Waiver has allowed us to utilize Medicaid to provide this service for adult Vermonters with complex health and social needs to successfully transition into and maintain residency in permanent housing. There is no cost to participants for these services.

Purpose of Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance (PSHA) Services

- Sometimes people are without stable housing and are unable to access providers and services they need. Without the right providers and services, it is hard to get well and stay healthy.
- The goal of Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance (PSHA) Services is to help Vermonters find and keep housing.

Eligibility

- General eligibility requires that someone:
 - Is experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless; AND
 - Has a disability; AND
 - Is living in Vermont; AND
 - Participated in the Coordinated Entry process

There are a limited number of service slots for this program; Coordinated Entry is being used to prioritize people for PSHA services.

The Coordinated Entry System is used to connect residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness to resources in our county's homeless system. Form more information, call 2-1-1 or go to a Coordinated Entry Lead Agency.

Benefits

PSHA services include Housing Navigation, Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services, and Housing Transition assistance.

- **Housing Pre-Tenancy (navigation) Services** will help you obtain housing, including identifying and resolving barriers to housing and searching for housing.
- **Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services** include services such as education, training, coaching, referrals to other resources and dispute resolution, with a goal of helping you maintain safe and stable tenancy once housing is secured.
- **Housing Transition Assistance** Some people may be eligible for one-time move in expenses such as security deposits and setup fees for utilities.

Cost

- Participants need to be enrolled in VT Medicaid to receive PSHA services. Medicaid pays for the services.