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Short-term Recovery Housing Vouchers

The DMHAS State Opioid Response (SOR) grant contains funding for targeted temporary sober housing vouchers for individuals with opioid use disorder who have no other means of accessing sober recovery housing. ***PLEASE NOTE: Individuals MUST have a primary diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder, be currently receiving behavioral health treatment services and have no means for paying for recovery housing to be considered for authorization.***

1. What services and providers are covered by the SOR grant housing vouchers?

Temporary sober recovery housing will be covered by the SOR grant for eligible individuals. Each “voucher” will be issued for thirty (30) days and individuals will be eligible for up to two (2) vouchers per year, or a total of sixty (60) days. Only those agencies contracted by Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc., (ABH) to provide Supported Recovery Housing Services (SRHS) will be eligible to request and receive vouchers.

2. Who is eligible for the SOR grant housing vouchers?

Any individual with a documented opioid use disorder who is currently enrolled in behavioral health treatment services and does not have sufficient financial resources or HUSKY D eligibility to fund the service is eligible for housing vouchers. Clinical or recovery support service providers should contact an existing SRHS provider to discuss bed availability and not submit an application directly. Housing vouchers will be available between **4/25/2023** and 9/29/2023, or until SOR grant funding has been exhausted.

Voucher authorizations will be provided as follows:

- Initial request: maximum of 30 days
- Second request: maximum of 30 days

Additional approval by DMHAS is required on a case-by-case basis for any request exceeding a total of sixty (60) days.

3. What is the process for registering/authorizing an individual for housing?

ABH, the DMHAS administrative services agency, will register, authorize vouchers and pay claims. SRHS service providers will fax a paper registration form that attests to the following: no or inadequate insurance/funding or other means of payment, opioid use disorder and current enrollment in behavioral health treatment. ABH will verify insurance benefits and/or other eligibility criteria at the time of receipt.

Individuals with Husky D insurance, no cash assistance, and actively engaged in behavioral health treatment services may be covered by the BHRP-Basic Needs program.

4. How will providers be reimbursed?

Housing providers will submit invoices and weekly progress notes via the web-based BHRP Basic Needs system. **Invoices must be submitted within sixty (60) days of service.** Only SOR SRHS services that have been prior authorized by ABH will be eligible for reimbursement.

If you have any question on this Alert, please contact BHRP Basic Needs Department at ABH (800) 658-4472