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Connecticut Block Grant Recovery Program Short-term Recovery Housing Vouchers

The DMHAS CT Block Grant Recovery Program grant provides funding to assist clients involved with select funded providers in accessing targeted temporary sober housing for individuals with SUD who have no other means of accessing sober recovery housing. Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc., the DMHAS administrative services agency, will process requests and, if approved, issue payment directly to contracted Supported Recovery Housing Services (SRHS) providers.

1. Who is eligible for assistance with CT Block Grant Recovery Program short-term recovery housing vouchers?

Any individual with a substance abuse 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. The SRHS provider can then request authorization for the housing voucher.

2. What services and providers are covered by the CT Block Grant Recovery Program short-term recovery housing vouchers?

Temporary sober recovery housing will be covered by the CT Block Grant Recovery Program 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.

Supported Recovery Housing Services (SRHS) providers currently contracted by Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc. for the Behavioral Health Recovery Program will be eligible to request and receive vouchers.

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

Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc. (ABH), the DMHAS administrative services agency, will register, authorize vouchers, and pay claims. Connecticut Providers contracted to provide Behavioral Health Recovery Program (BHRP) sober housing services will fax a paper registration form that attests to the following: no or inadequate insurance/funding or other means of payment, substance use disorder, and current enrollment in behavioral health treatment and/or 12-step or other recovery services. ABH will verify that the individual is not currently receiving Medicaid Husky D benefits. ***The attached registration form contains additional details.***

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.

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 housing services that have been prior authorized by ABH will be eligible for reimbursement.

***If you have any questions regarding this Alert, please contact
The CT Block Grant Recovery Program at ABH (860) 638-5333***