Medi-Cal Housing Related Community Supports

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CalAIM's Suite of Housing Community Supports

The "Housing Trio" is now a "suite", with four housing supports being offered to members instead of three

Housing Transition Navigation Services (HTNS)	Housing Deposits	Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services (HTSS)	**NEW** - Transitional Rent
Assists members with finding, applying for, and obtaining housing. Managed Care Plans (MCPs) must ensure that eligible members are also offered Enhanced Care Management services (ECM). The ECM provider leads on the coordination of service delivery to minimize the number of care/case managers experienced by the member.	Assists a member in maintaining a secure and stable tenancy once housing is obtained. Assistance with first and last months' rent payments and items to set up a basic household. Members cannot receive both HTNSS and HTSS at the same time.	Assists with identifying, coordinating, securing, or funding one-time services and modifications necessary to enable a person to establish a basic household. Must be listed in member's individualized housing support plan. Members cannot receive both HTNS and HTSS at the same time.	Assists with identifying, coordinating, securing, or funding one-time services and modifications necessary to enable a person to establish a basic household. Must be listed in member's individualized housing support plan. Members cannot receive both HTNS and HTSS at the same time.

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BASIC FRAMEWORK: Eligibility

Transitional Rent eligibility and authorization are determined by the Member's Managed Care Plan.



In a Nutshell

- ✓ Social Risk Criteria (i.e., unsheltered homelessness)
- ✓ Clinical Risk Criteria (i.e., SMI)
- ✓ Has a Unit Identified
- ✓ Has a Way to Pay for the Unit after TR

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Transitional Rent – Implementation Guidelines

- Transitional Rent is exclusively offered through managed care plans.
- Managed Care Plans and county behavioral health delivery systems need to work together to ensure that eligible individuals with significant behavioral health needs have access to Medi-Cal rental assistance services.
- Transitional Rent must be exhausted before Behavioral Health Services Act housing interventions can be applied.
- All members who qualify for Transitional Rent **must** be referred to Enhanced Care Management (ECM).
  - ECM providers assist members by coordinating and facilitating referrals to eligible Community Supports, including the "Housing Trio," promoting a more integrated, person-centered approach to managing the State's rental assistance programs.

DHCS' payment methodology uses federally recognized measures like Fair Market Rent, DHCS expects that rental costs will typically be below the reimbursable ceiling.

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