

Housing for Health Fact Sheet

For Health Plans and Providers

What is Housing for Health?

The Housing for Health (HFH) Program at the Department of Health Services (DHS) was started in 2013 with a focus on creating permanent supportive housing opportunities for homeless patients within the DHS system of care. In 2017, HFH partnered with Whole Person Care – LA (WPC-LA) to expand its services to more people experiencing homelessness who are vulnerable and medically complex while working with other Los Angeles County agencies such as the Departments of Public Health, Mental Health, Probation, Public Social Services and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Through four core programs, Housing for Health provides housing and services to highly vulnerable and medically complex individuals and families.

- Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST) Program
- Sobering Center
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Interim Housing

What is Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST) Program?

CBEST provides targeted advocacy to assist individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness obtain sustainable income through programs such as Social Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance.

What is the Sobering Center?

The Sobering Center is an alternative destination for *intoxicated* persons who do not need acute medical treatment, but need a safe place for less than 24 hours to recover.

What is Permanent Supportive Housing Program?

Permanent Supportive Housing provides comprehensive, non-time limited social services and care coordination for people experiencing homelessness. Every individual is linked to a housing subsidy and Intensive Case Management Services such as, move-in assistance, access to transportation, and linkage to health, mental health and substance use disorder services.



Key Points:

With the support from WPC-LA, Housing for Health aims to meet the following objectives:

- End homelessness in LA County
- Reduce inappropriate use of healthcare resources
- Improve health and housing outcomes for vulnerable populations.

For more information on any of Housing for Health programs please call (213) 833-5350

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What is Interim Housing Program?

Interim Housing offers temporary short-term shelter in a stable environment to homeless individuals with complex health and/or mental illness, whose conditions would be worsened by living on the streets or in a shelter. There are two types of Interim Housing:

- **Stabilization Housing:** provides enhanced shelter services that includes case management and linkage to needed health and social services. Physical and mental health monitoring services are NOT provided on-site.
- **Recuperative Housing:** offers short-term residential care for persons who are recovering from an acute illness or injury, and whose condition would be worsened by living on the streets, in a shelter, or other unsuitable places. Physical and mental health monitoring services are provided on-site.

| Eligibility Requirements | How to Refer |
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| <p>Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST) Program Persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless who meet any of the following criteria: over 65 years of age or have a physical or mental health disability, and not currently receiving Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance benefits.</p> | <p>Refer within your Service Planning Area (SPA): SPA 1 (661) 948-8559 SPA 5 (310) 399-6878 SPA 2 (818) 342-5897 SPA 6 (323) 432-4363 SPA 3 (626) 593-2364 SPA 7 (562) 373-5264 SPA 4 (213) 529-0979 SPA 8 (562) 599-1321</p> |
| <p>Sobering Center Persons who are intoxicated and do not need immediate medical attention. Willing to visit the Sobering Center located in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles.</p> | <p>Referrals only accepted by hospitals and community organizations serving downtown Los Angeles, Skid Row and adjacent area.</p> <p>Call the Exodus Line (213) 395-7700</p> |
| <p>Permanent Supportive Housing Persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless who meet any of the following criteria: disabled, chronic physical or behavioral health conditions, and frequent visits to emergency departments or hospitals.</p> | <p>Refer to the <i>Homeless High-Risk</i> tab on the WPC-LA website: http://wpc.dhs.lacounty.gov</p> |
| <p>Interim Housing Program Persons who are homeless with complex, chronic physical and/or behavioral health conditions, including persons who have frequent visits to emergency departments or hospitals needing temporary housing. Persons must be able to live independently, must be able to do own activities of daily living and do not need licensed residential care or skilled nursing facility level of care.</p> | <p>For Department of Health Services (DHS) facilities: Applications are processed through CHAMP</p> <p>For non-DHS facilities: Refer to the <i>Homeless High-Risk</i> tab on the WPC-LA for application materials: http://wpc.dhs.lacounty.gov</p> |

For more information on eligibility requirements, please visit the Whole Person Care – LA website <https://wpc.dhs.lacounty.gov>

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