

## **HOUSING SUPPORT (FORMALLY GRH) AND OTHER HOUSING SERVICES**

### **Will my agency's Housing Support be impacted by Housing Stabilization Services?**

DHS is not requiring Housing Support providers to become enrolled Housing Stabilization Services providers. However, long-term homeless (LTH) supportive housing, housing with services independent living (not assisted living), and metro demo settings will experience a 50% reduction in the supplemental service rate beginning in July 2021 if the person has also been approved for Housing Stabilization Services. All other settings authorized for Housing Support supplemental service rate rates (as assigned through the county's banked bed list or special legislation) will not experience a reduction in the supplemental service rate.

### **How do I demonstrate Housing Support and Housing Stabilization services do not duplicate funding?**

Activities that are billable under Housing Stabilization Services should be documented in HSS case notes and billed as Housing Stabilization. Service activities that are not available under Housing Stabilization Services should account toward the Housing Support supplemental services and documented in Housing Support case notes. It is very important that agencies do not designate the same time to both Housing Support and Housing Stabilization Services this creates a duplication in funding. For example:

- If you spend 45 minutes with a person on HSS billable services and bill HSS for 45 minutes, none of that time can be counted toward Housing Support Supplemental services.
- If you spend one hour with a person and spend 45 minutes of that hour on HSS billable services and the other 15 minutes on services that are not HSS related, the other 15 minutes can be counted towards Housing Support supplemental services.

### **Are there other housing-related services considered duplicative of Housing Stabilization Services?**

Yes. The following programs are duplicative, and people served through the following services are unable to access Housing Stabilization Services: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Moving Home Minnesota (MHM) (*transition services duplicative*), and Relocation Service Coordination (RSC). Other services may be duplicative, such as home and community-based services waivers, depending on the nature of the services the person receives; in this case, the waiver case manager is responsible to determine if the services are duplicative.

### **As a provider, can I refer people I am serving through a grant program to our Housing Stabilization Services program?**

A person must have a choice in their service provider. The person's case manager or housing consultant helps them identify potential providers and supports them in making an informed choice. If you are working with someone who you think would benefit from Housing Stabilization Services, you can refer them to their case manager or housing consultant to have

an assessment and person-centered plan. There is no guarantee that the person will select you as a provider of housing transition or sustaining services.