

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Written Standards

Definition: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – 24 CFR Part 578.37

Permanent Supportive Housing is community-based housing, the purpose of which is to provide housing without a designated length of stay. PSH can only provide assistance to individuals with disabilities and families in which at least one adult or child has a disability. Support services designed to meet the needs of the program participants must be made available to the program participants.

Access to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is only through a referral from the community-wide Prioritization List.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must meet HUD Category 1 or 4 definition of homeless (24 CFR Part 578.3)
- Prior living situation must be Emergency Shelter or Unsheltered; if prior living situation is Transitional Housing (TH) or institution for less than 90 days, must have been homeless prior to entering TH or institution
- Household member must have long-term disability

Operational Standards

- There is no prescribed or suggested length of stay in PSH
- Supportive services must be available to participants throughout their stay in PSH, but participants may not be required to participate in services
- Initial lease must be for at least one year that is renewable and terminable by cause. Subsequent leases must have a minimum term of one month.
- Participants share of rent cannot exceed 30% of household income
- Units must pass Housing Quality Standards Inspection prior to rent being paid to the landlord
- Prioritization of potential participants
 - Chronically homeless persons are prioritized above all others
 - VI-SPDAT score of eight (8) or higher
 - Other criteria that determine a person's cumulative prioritization score include length of time homeless, unsheltered, disability, and age (less than 20 or older than 60)
- Housing First principles will be utilized by all PSH programs

Standard Outcomes/Performance Measures

- 92% of all participants will remain stable in PSH or exit to other permanent housing destinations
- 85% or more of adult participants will have non-cash benefits
- 85% or more of adult participants will have income from sources other than employment
- 20% or more of adult participants increase income from sources other than employment
- 20% or more of adult participants will have income (includes part-time) from legal employment
- 20% or more of adult participants will increase income from employment
- Participants will be housed within 45 days of referral to PSH from the community-wide Prioritization List
- 95% occupancy rate based on amount of rental assistance that is expended annually