



Housing and Services Resource Center

Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator

Application Worksheet and Instructions

*Advancing Housing Stability and Community Living through
State and Community Partnerships for People with Disabilities and Older Adults
Who Are at Risk of or Are Experiencing Homelessness*

Opportunity for Medicaid Programs and Partners

Letters of intent due:	November 15, 2023
Applications due:	December 1, 2023
Interviews conducted:	December 6-16, 2023
Announcement of selection:	December 21, 2023
Accelerator launch meeting:	January 2024
Accelerator closes:	December 2024

Accelerator Application Form

The purpose of this application form is to help the Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator (HSPA) selection committee to learn more about your state's current goals and technical assistance needs around housing-related supports and services for persons with disabilities and older adults who are at risk for or experiencing homelessness to expand community living opportunities and increase housing stability

for Medicaid beneficiaries. The technical support available for states, requirements, and selection criteria are detailed in the [Program Overview document](#).

Note: Only states with an approved section 1115 demonstration or section 1915(i) state plan benefit covering housing-related supports and services for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness are eligible to apply and only one application from each state will be accepted.

Overview of Accelerator Opportunity & Team Composition

HSPA will bring together states interested in developing or expanding innovative housing-related supports and services targeted to Medicaid-eligible to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness for peer-to-peer learning activities. Up to four states will be selected to participate, based on meeting the criteria outlined in the program overview document.

General Information

1. Lead Organization:
2. Lead Organization Type:
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3. Name of your State Medicaid Agency:
4. Name of your State Medicaid Director:
5. The State Medicaid Director acknowledges that the state is seeking this technical assistance opportunity (If the applicant is not the State Medicaid Agency, please attach a letter of commitment from the State Medicaid Director.):
Yes No
6. The State Medicaid Director acknowledges that the team has or will have sufficient staff time and resources committed to participating in this effort:
Yes No

7. Please provide contact information for the State Medicaid Agency lead for this work:

Form Field	Information
Name	
Title	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

8. **State Staff Assigned to Participate:** Provide names, titles, and e-mail addresses of senior and mid-level leaders in Medicaid (required) and other eligible agencies such as the state housing agency, State Unit on Aging, state agency that administers programs or advocates for people with disabilities, Single State Agency (SSA) for Substance Abuse Services and State Mental Health Agency (SMHA), who will regularly participate in Accelerator activities.

Name	Organization	Title	Email address

9. **Aging and Disability Network Organizations to Participate:** Provide names, titles, and e-mail addresses of senior and mid-level leaders from organizations. (See Program Overview document for additional guidance.)

Name	Organization	Title	Email address

10. **Housing and Homeless Network Organizations to Participate:** Provide names, titles, and e-mail addresses of senior and mid-level leaders. (See Program Overview document for additional guidance.)

Name	Organization	Title	Email address

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11. Other Health and Housing Network Organizations to Participate (Optional):

Provide names, titles, and e-mail addresses of senior and mid-level leaders from organizations within your state’s Health and Housing ecosystem such as state or local public health agencies, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs), community care hubs (CCH), managed care organizations (MCOs), hospitals and health systems, behavioral health providers, community-based organizations, (CBOs) and other service providers.

Name	Organization	Title	Email address

Description of Accelerator Goals and Technical Assistance Needs

1. Through the Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator, ACL and partner agencies will provide selected states with individualized coaching support from housing and services subject matter experts and the opportunity to learn from peer states through facilitated sharing of information, resources, best practices, and lessons learned from states’ experiences over a twelve-month period. The goal is to support up to four participating state Medicaid agencies as they implement or expand innovative strategies for providing housing-related supports

and services under Medicaid to Medicaid-eligible to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Explain 1) how this goal aligns with your state’s Medicaid priorities and activities and other relevant housing and service activities in the state (e.g., state Olmstead Plan, state aging plan, relevant SAMHSA grant activities, State Opioid Response Task Forces, plans to end homelessness); and 2) what your state intends to achieve towards this goal by participating in this technical assistance opportunity. (1,000 word limit)

2. Provide a brief description of your state’s recent and current activities developing or expanding housing-related supports and services under Medicaid to Medicaid-eligible to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Identify the roles of key partner agencies and any notable accomplishments to date associated with these activities. (500 word limit)

3. Provide a brief description of your state’s planned goals and activities involving housing-related supports and services under Medicaid to Medicaid-eligible to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. States may identify priority geographies/counties/ areas to focus on during the accelerator. If selecting specific geographic/counties/areas, provide describe how solutions and practices will be scaled and implemented statewide. (500 word limit)

4. Identify the roles of key partner agencies, organizations, and team members that will be involved. (500 word limit)

5. Select up to eight areas of technical assistance that would be most helpful to your state's Medicaid housing-related supports and services for Medicaid-eligible to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness:

Strategies for creating new partnerships/strengthening existing partnerships between Continuums of Care (CoCs) (and other housing entities), aging and disability network organizations, and state Medicaid agency/operating agency(s)

Braiding funding from CoCs, public housing authorities, Medicaid, and other funding for health and community living to link/connect people to housing resources and supportive services and/or to create supportive housing models

Services and benefits design (e.g., Assertive Community Treatment, community support program, peer recovery services, etc.)

Developing medical appropriateness or needs-based criteria based on health and social risk factors for Medicaid housing-related services

Best practices in contracting with managed care organizations and community care hubs with aging, disability, health and housing organizations

Strategies for service delivery and billing in fee-for-service environments

Payment models and rate-setting, including bundled payment models (e.g., per member per month rates, case rates) and other value-based purchasing strategies

Creating flexible funding pools to cover housing and supportive services/activities not covered under the Medicaid program

Aligning/coordinating housing assistance matching (e.g., via Coordinated Entry Systems, PHA waitlists, and other housing waitlists) and eligibility/approval for Medicaid housing-related services and supports with consideration to disability, aging and health organizations that support individuals

Building disability, aging, health, behavioral health, and supportive housing provider network capacity to deliver, track, and receive payment for Medicaid housing-related services

Data strategies to identify and prioritize individuals for housing and services, including establishing data use agreements and cross-system data matching and other infrastructure at multiple levels: system, network, and service provider

Strategies to implement a partnership with a PHA to administer short-term rental assistance covered under Medicaid and to seamlessly transition an

individual from short-term rental assistance to a federal rental assistance program

Strategies to support persons with disabilities and older adults to transition from hospitals, nursing homes or institutions to stable housing in the community through aging, disability, health and housing partnerships

Evaluation methods to assess the performance and impact, including on measures of equity, of housing-related activities/supports

Approaches in rural areas

Scaling up existing pilot or geographically-based programs

Other

- 6. Please indicate how the topics selected in Question 5 will support your state's planned goals and activities related to the development and/or expansion of housing-related supports and services** under Medicaid for to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Letter of Intent

Interested states are asked to submit a simple letter of intent to ACL by midnight (EDT) on November 15, 2023, online on the HSPA web page at:

[ACL.gov/HousingAndServices/Accelerator](https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices/Accelerator) .

Please also direct any questions to HSRC@acl.hhs.gov.

Applications are due to ACL by midnight (EDT) on December 1, 2023. The full application can be found online on the HSPA web page at: [Website].

The top highest rated applications from states will be invited to participate in an individual state interview with an interagency panel of federal partners as part of the application process. Please indicate your team's availability for this conference call by placing an X next to those dates and times when your team is available.

December 4, 2023; 1:30 – 2:30 pm ET

December 4, 2023; 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

December 5, 2023; 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET
December 6, 2023; 10:00 – 11:00 am ET
December 6, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET
December 6, 2023; 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET
December 7, 2023; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET
December 7, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET
December 7, 2023; 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET

December 11, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET
December 11, 2023; 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET
December 11, 2023; 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET
December 11, 2023; 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
December 12, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET
December 12, 2023; 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET