

METROPOLITAN HOUSING ACCESS PROGRAM HOUSING SERVICES REFERRAL PACKAGE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Housing Referral Information Sheet

Persons living with HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia who are experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or other housing problems can be referred by their community case manager to Housing Counseling Services' Metropolitan Housing Access Program (MHAP) for assistance. MHAP is the centralized entry point for HOPWA emergency and transitional housing referrals, and provides additional housing support services to address housing needs. Please complete the MHAP Housing Services Referral Package to provide information regarding the housing issues/barriers the client and their household is experiencing and to confirm the household's eligibility for District of Columbia Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) housing services. Please submit this referral package and supporting documentation by fax, email, or mail to:

Housing Counseling Services, Inc.
Metropolitan Housing Access Program (MHAP) 2410
17th Street, N.W., Suite 100
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: 202.667.2681 Fax: 202.667.0862
Email: mhap@housingetc.org

A completed housing services referral package will consist of the following items

- ❖ Completed District of Columbia HOPWA Housing Services Referral Package
- ❖ Physician's statement confirming HIV diagnosis **and** recent lab report detailing CD4 and viral load counts
- ❖ Verification of District of Columbia residency (lease, utility bill, statement from shelter/transitional housing, notarized statement)
- ❖ Documentation of all household income including Public Assistance received within the last 30 days. (if adult household member has no income, he/she must submit a *Zero Income Affidavit*)
- ❖ Documentation of all household assets and financial resources (most recent bank, stock, bonds, cds and other financial statements for all accounts. Bank statements must include all activities during that period).
- ❖ Picture ID for all adults (18 years or older) members of household
- ❖ Verification of all minor children (younger than 18) in household (Birth Certificate or Social Security card)
- ❖ Case manager submitting housing services referral package must sign Page 8
- ❖ Signed MHAP Homeless Management Information System Release of Information Form (all household members 18 years of age or older must sign this form)

Please note: If referred to a HOPWA housing provider, they may require additional documentation (Birth certificate, social security card, TB test, psychosocial assessment, urinalysis, police clearance... etc.)

Community case managers will receive a confirmation of receipt of the MHAP Housing Services Referral Package from HCS upon our receipt. HCS may request additional information/documentation to verify circumstances presented in the referral package.

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Section 1: Client Information

Date: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Unique ID:** _____

Applicant's Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Preferred Pronoun: ____ (She/Her/Hers) ____ (He/Him/His) ____ (They/Them/Theirs)

Current Address: _____
Street Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____
Home Alternate

Type of housing assistance you are applying for: (select all that apply)

____ **Emergency Housing**

____ **Transitional Housing** (please indicate programs)

____ Homes for Hope ____ Milestone ____ Gaudenzia (RAP)

____ **Support Services** (case management)

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____
Street Apt City State Zip

Phone Number (HM): _____ **(WK):** _____

Is the emergency contact aware of applicant's HIV status? __ Yes __ No

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Section 3: Household Information

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION & INCOME INFORMATION

Please complete this section for client and any other persons currently living in client's household.

NAME	RELATION TO CLIENT	DATE OF BIRTH	RACE *	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	HIV POSITIVE (Y or N)	MONTHLY GROSS INCOME	SOURCES OF INCOME (Work, SSDI, TANF, etc.)
1.	Client				Y		
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
Please submit additional form to list other household members.						Total	

* For race, use abbreviations in parenthesis for responses to Question 3 on Page 3

Is the client also head of household? Yes No

If no, who is head of household: _____

Identify all housing programs that household has applied to previously:

HOPWA Housing Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) Public Housing

Shelter Plus Care Housing Project Based Housing Senior Housing

Other: _____

Results/Outcome of housing program application(s):

Has a member of the household ever been terminated from a federally subsidized housing program? Y N If yes, please identify housing program and describe the circumstance surrounding the termination.

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Section 4: Housing and Support Services Needs Assessments

Provide responses to the questions below. If the response is “Yes” to a question, please provide a brief explanation in the “Response” column.

Question	Response
Briefly describe the reason you are referring this client for housing services.	
Does the client or a household member have special housing needs (ex. wheelchair accessible, nurse/home health aide, bedridden, nursing facility)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please identify who has a special housing need and explain the special housing need.
Does the client or a household member have a <u>severe and persistent</u> mental impairment that limits his/her ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please identify diagnosis. Also, please provide copy of psychiatric evaluation if available.
Is the client or a household member currently using (or recently used) an illegal/illicit drug?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide date of last use and name of drug.
Has the client or a household member been convicted of a felony)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide date of conviction and felony type.

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Section 5: Housing Stability Plan

Please indicate which areas of focus are barriers to housing stability and develop a plan to address needs.

Area of Focus	Housing Stability Goals	Tasks to achieve goal	Date to Complete Tasks/ Objectives
Example: Financial Planning and Savings	Save \$500 for an emergency savings account	1. Open a savings account 2. Save \$50 a month	1. 11/01/18 2. On-going
Housing (ex: identify affordable housing; relocate to safer neighborhood; save for independent housing, apply for subsidized housing...etc.)			
Employment and Income (ex: identify stable employment; complete training to increase income...etc)			
Financial Planning and Savings (ex: save \$500 for emergencies; save for retirement; improve money management...etc.)			
Physical Health (ex: improve health through medication compliance; maintain current health...etc.)			
Other (ex: improve mental health; maintain sobriety; pursue affordable childcare... etc.)			

Disclosure Statement

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the foregoing information is true, complete and accurate. I understand that if I have provided any false information, this may result in the denial of housing services. I understand that Housing Counseling Services, Inc. (HCS) may need to contact individuals and/or agencies (including landlords, mortgage companies, utility companies, employers, government agencies, and medical/support service providers) to acquire information and verify eligibility for its programs and to maintain contact with me. My signature serves as my consent for HCS to contact individuals, businesses, and/or service provider(s) necessary to document my eligibility and my need.

I also understand that information I provide during this referral process may be entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS allows homeless prevention service providers to coordinate serve delivery to at risk households in the region as well as track and report on individual, local, and regional service utilization and trends. I understand that MHAP staff may need to speak with me to collect additional information about my household for entry into HMIS. I understand that failure to provide information requested by HCS for HMIS may be grounds for the denial of housing services.

Further, as a participant in a program funded by the local and federal government, I understand that annual audits will be conducted to verify HCS' compliance with local and federal regulations. I authorize HCS to allow the review of my personal program file, including all verifications and documentation, by the HCS Organizational Auditor or Funding Agency Compliance Auditor/Monitor. All Auditors/Monitors are prohibited from disclosing any personal client information to any source. This authorization will remain in effect as long as an Organizational Auditor or Compliance Auditor/Monitor determines that the review of client files is necessary to complete federally mandated audits, reviews and report(s).

My consent is subject to revocation in writing by me at any time. This form has been read by me or to me prior to my signing it

Client Signature:

Witness:

Date:

Date:

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Authorization of Representation/Release of Information

The client authorizes that _____ (name of case manager) is permitted to represent the client in the process of submitting this referral for housing services to HCS and has permission to release information and receive information related to all matters concerning this referral process. In addition, I authorize Housing Counseling Services (HCS) to release information to housing and service providers operating within the HOPWA Housing system. This release may be revoked at any time verbally or in writing.

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____

Referral Completed By

Referral completed by
(Case manager name): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Case Manager Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing, the case manager confirms that this referral package was completed at the request of and in the presence of the above named client.