

## FLORIDA MEDICAID TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PILOT

*The Agency for Health Care Administration will be implementing a housing assistance pilot, in collaboration with certain health plans, beginning **December 1, 2019**. The overall goal is to facilitate housing stability and improve health outcomes for participants. Up to **4,000 Medicaid recipients** can be served annually.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** Medicaid health plan enrollees **ages 21 and older** with serious mental illness (**SMI**), substance use disorder (**SUD**) or SMI with co-occurring SUD, who are **homeless or at risk of homelessness** due to their disability.

**LOCATION:** Piloted in **Pinellas, Pasco, Seminoles, Orange, Osceola, and Brevard** counties (Regions 5 and 7)

**PARTICIPATING PLANS:**

- Aetna
- Magellan Complete Care
- Simply
- Staywell



**COVERED SERVICES:** Health plans will provide the following services to qualified enrollees:

- **Transitional housing services** - designed to prepare and support the transition into permanent housing.
- **Tenancy sustaining services** - supports the individual in being a successful tenant.
- **Mobile crisis management** - established to provide immediate, on-site de-escalation of issues when crises occur.
- **Self-help/peer support** - designed to allow individuals to work with peer support specialists to help manage SUD or SMI symptoms and promote community living skills.
- **One-time payment for moving expenses** – assists with incidental expenses

Health plans cannot pay for rent and utilities, beyond expanded benefits offered by the plan.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:** To evaluate the success, the Agency will measure:

- Percentage of participants who achieved housing permanency
- Percentage of participants whose days of homelessness were reduced (when applicable)
- Percentage of participants diagnosed with a SUD receiving medication assisted treatment
- Percentage of participants diagnosed with an SMI who are compliant with medication management requirements
- Percentage of reduced emergency department and inpatient hospital use among participants

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Health plans must have strong community partnerships:

- Housing assistance providers
- Community mental health centers
- Local managing entities

