HRSN FAQs 15TH NIGHT 1.29.2025

QUESTIONS

Q: How might this funding change, given the administrative changes at the federal level?

A: At the federal level, changes are dynamic and fluid. 15th Night staff participate on several Medicaid-focused state and national committees, including with the Institute for Medicaid Innovation, National Association of Community Health Workers, Oregon's Traditional Health Worker Commission, and a variety of Oregon Health Authority, PacificSource, and Trillium HRSN workgroups. We will be sure to notify our partners with any relevant updates.

Q: Is there a list of HRSN eligibility guidelines that can be shared?

A: Yes, a more indepth list of eligibility guidelines can be found <u>here</u>, along with additional FAQs <u>here</u>.

Q: Will the RAN alert have eligibility screening questions?

A: No, the RAN alert will connect the youth with our HRSN CHW to review and complete the eligibility screening process. RAN alerts will be similar to almost all other RAN alerts, and we ask that you include the best way to contact the youth so we can get started quickly.

Q: Does the OHA Member requesting HRSN Housing support need to be living in the house they want to stay living in?

A: Yes, the HRSN Housing support is designed to prevent homelessness, so a client needs to be on the lease, and the rental assistance needs to go towards maintaining their current housing. There might be certain instances where this benefit could be used to find alternative housing later down the line, but for now it needs to be used to maintain current housing.

Q: Are there requirements on how long the rental agreement has been in place?

A: No, 15th Night's HRSN Community Health Worker can work with the youth to access the HRSN Housing benefit regardless of how long they've been on the lease and also support communication between the youth and landlord to get them on a rental agreement, if possible.

Q: Is there a cap on how many times this benefit can be used?

A: This benefit can be used once per household through the OHP Demonstration Waiver that goes through September 30, 2027. There are additional caps for the amount of rental assistance that the HRSN Housing benefit will provide, which are \$1,125 for a 0-1 bedroom, \$1,400 for a 2 bedroom, and \$1,970 for 3 or more bedrooms. If the rental amount is more than these limits, the member can utilize alternative rental support options if they allow additional assistance, or pay the difference themselves.

Q: Is the HRSN Housing benefit per household or individual?

A: One time limit per household, and the household is the same definition of household used for OHP eligibility. Usually this is a member's spouse, children, and anyone else they list on a tax return, and the household size is obtained through self-attestation.

Q: If a family needs HRSN Housing support, and the youth is on OHP but the parents are not, do they qualify?

A: They should be able to qualify. "The member or parent/guardian must provide a lease, written agreement, or HRSN Verification of Landlord/Tenant Relationship." It would just need to be the youth that is applying for the benefit. However, the CCOs determine eligibility on a case-by-case basis so nothing is guaranteed until eligibility is confirmed.

Q: Can this be applied to past utilities?

A: This can be used for past utilities, but clients need to be accessing rental support in order to get any utility benefit.

RESOURCES

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