



# Transitional Rent Benefit





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Transitional Rent

# Overview

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- Effective January 1, 2026, It will be mandatory for Plans to offer Transitional Rent as the fifteenth Community Supports service and will be implemented in phases for select eligible populations.
- Transitional Rent provides up to six months of rental assistance in interim and permanent settings to Members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, have certain clinical risk factors, and have either recently undergone a critical life transition (such as exiting an institutional or carceral setting or foster care), or who meet other specified eligibility criteria.

The policies governing Transitional Rent are driven by three key objectives:

## Connections

Ensure a connection to long-term housing supports, such as rental subsidies, for Members receiving Transitional Rent to provide a pathway to housing stability and prevent a return to homelessness.



## Housing Stability

Use the temporary housing stability afforded by Transitional Rent as an opportunity to help Members connect to needed health care services.



## Reduce Barriers

Minimize administrative barriers (without compromising program integrity), so that Members experiencing or at risk of homelessness can readily access Transitional Rent.



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# Member Eligibility


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# Transitional Rent Eligibility-BH POF

Must meet the following 3 eligibility criteria:

## Behavioral Health Population of Focus

The BH POF for Transitional Rent is defined as follows:



POF	 Clinical Risk Factor	 Social Risk Factor	 Specified Transitioning Criteria
POF 1 (BH POF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet the access criteria for SMHS, or</li><li>• Meet the access criteria for DMC, or</li><li>• Meet the access criteria for DMC-ODS services</li></ul>	Experiencing or at risk of homelessness	Transitioning out of an institutional or congregate residential setting
			Transitioning out of a carceral setting
			Transitioning out of an interim setting
			Transitioning out of recuperative care or short-term post-hospitalization housing <sup>1</sup>
			Transitioning out of foster care
			Experiencing unsheltered homelessness

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# Roles & Responsibilities

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## Roles & Responsibilities

### Transitional Rent Provider

- Review for eligibility
- Verify housing setting qualifications
- Check housing habitability
- Create/update/review Housing Support Plan-Voucher Confirmation
- Pay rent to landlords
- Submit for authorization and claims for reimbursement
- Facilitate with the transition of the rent payment at the exhaustion of the benefit

### Managed Care Plans

- Review all required documents submitted from the Transitional Rent providers
- Automatically authorize member who is eligible for Transitional Rent to ECM and the housing trio services.
- Calculate the global cap across the 3 room and board services before approving authorization
- Process claim reimbursements

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# Global Caps Across Room & Board Services

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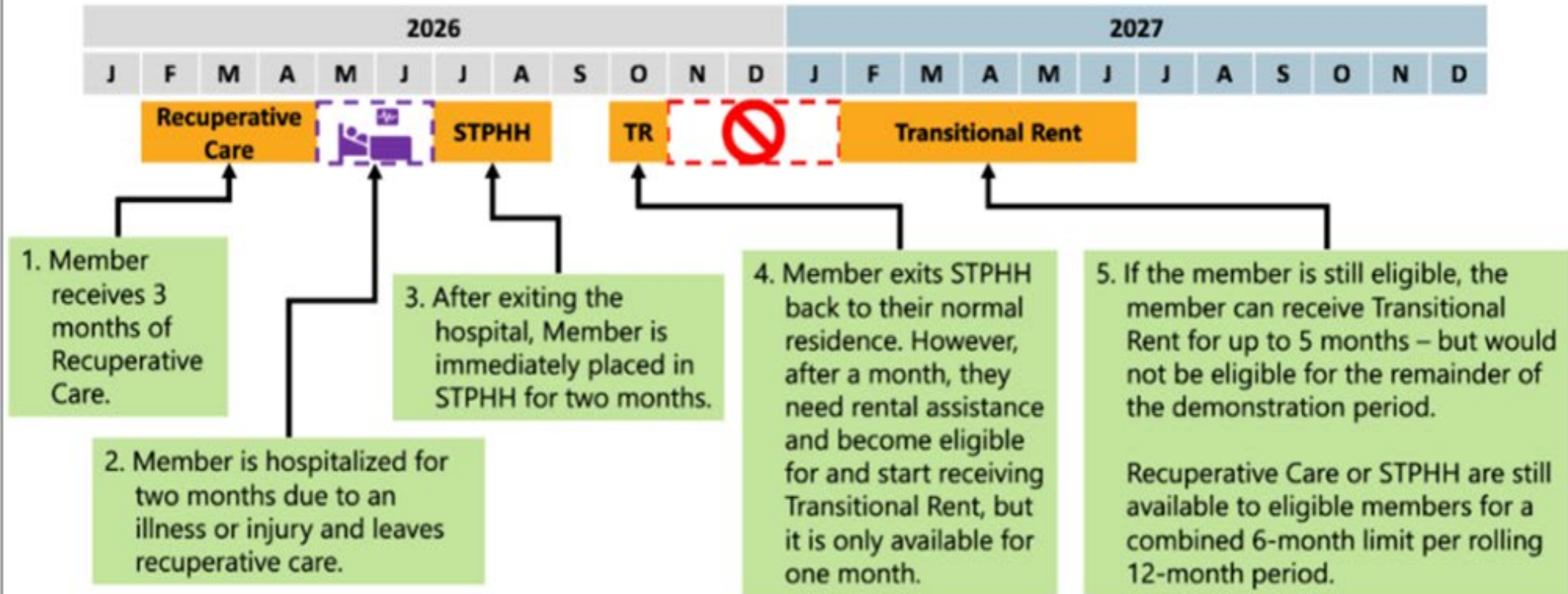
# Global cap on coverage of room and board services

- ❖ Effective **January 1, 2025**, DHCS released guidance that a member may not receive more than a combined six months of Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing, Recuperative Care and Transitional Rent within a rolling 12-month period.
- ❖ All three of which are referred to as “Room and Board” services established as a “global cap” coverage waived by the DHCS. All authorization requests must adhere to the global cap.

Service	Limits per Service	Limits accross the Services
Recuperative Care	6-month limit per rolling 12- month period (per Member)	6-month limit per rolling 12- month period (per Member)
Short-Term Post Hospitalization Housing	6-month limit per rolling 12- month period (per Member)	
Transitional Rent	6-months of service per 5-year demonstration (per household)	also applies across all three Room and Board services.

# 6 Month Implications Across All Three Room and Board Services

The same rules apply if multiple services occur non-consecutively during the rolling 12-month period since the Member began receiving the first service.



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# Housing Settings

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## Allowable Housing Settings

### Permanent Settings

- » Single-family and multi-family homes (e.g., duplexes)
- » Apartments
- » Housing in mobile home communities
- » Accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
- » Shared housing—where two or more people live in one rental unit
- » Project-based or scattered site permanent supportive housing
- » Single room occupancy (SRO) units
- » Tiny homes\*
- » Recovery housing
- » License-exempt room and board\*

### Interim Settings

- » Single room occupancy (SRO) units
- » Tiny homes
- » Hotels/motels when serving as the Member's primary residence
- » Interim settings with a small number of individuals per room (not large dormitory sleeping halls)
- » Transitional and recovery housing\* with no lease agreement, including:
  - » Bridge, site-based, population-specific, and community living programs that may or may not offer supportive services and programming
- » License-exempt room and board
- » Peer respite

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# Referrals to Transitional Rent Providers

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Referrals to Transitional Rent Provider should happen **when a Member has secured housing and in need of rental assistance.**

**Prior to that,** Providers should be referring Members to CS providers in our ECM/CS Provider Directory or through findhelp

## findhelp

- [Health Net/CHPIV](#)
- [CalViva](#)

## Provider Directory

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- [CHPIV](#)
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Authorization Request to MCP

# Required Supporting Documents

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# Required Documentation for Submission to MCP



Lease agreement



Housing Inspection Form



Referral Form



Housing Support Plan

# Housing Inspection Form (sample)

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

### HPRP Housing Habitability Standards Inspection Checklist

**About this Tool**

The standards for housing unit inspections under HPRP are the housing habitability standards described in Appendix C of the HPRP Notice. These standards apply only when a program participant is receiving financial assistance and moving into a new (different) unit. Inspections must be conducted upon initial occupancy and then on an annual basis for the term of HPRP assistance.

The habitability standards are different from the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) used for other HUD programs. Because the HQS criteria are more stringent than the habitability standards, a grantee could use either standard. In contrast to HQS inspections, the habitability standards do not require a certified inspector. As such, HPRP program staff could conduct the inspections, using a form such as this one to document compliance.

**Instructions:** Mark each statement as 'A' for approved or 'D' for deficient. The property must meet all standards in order to be approved. A copy of this checklist should be placed in the client file.

Approved or Deficient	Element
	1. <i>Structure and materials:</i> The structures must be structurally sound so as not to pose any threat to the health and safety of the occupants and <u>so as to</u> protect the residents from hazards.
	2. <i>Access:</i> The housing must be accessible and capable of being utilized without unauthorized use of other private properties. Structures must provide alternate means of egress in case of fire.
	3. <i>Space and security:</i> Each resident must be afforded adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident must be provided with an acceptable place to sleep.
	4. <i>Interior air quality:</i> Every room or space must be provided with natural or mechanical ventilation. Structures must be free of pollutants in the air at levels that threaten the health of residents.
	5. <i>Water Supply:</i> The water supply must be free from contamination.
	6. <i>Sanitary Facilities:</i> Residents must have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, may be used in privacy, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
	7. <i>Thermal environment:</i> The housing must have adequate heating and/or cooling facilities in proper operating condition.

HPRP Habitability Standards Checklist 1

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	8. <i>Illumination and electricity:</i> The housing must have adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and to support the health and safety of residents. Sufficient electrical sources must be provided to permit use of essential electrical appliances while assuring safety from fire.
	9. <i>Food preparation and refuse disposal:</i> All food preparation areas must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner.
	10. <i>Sanitary condition:</i> The housing and any equipment must be maintained in sanitary condition.
	11. <i>Fire safety:</i> Both conditions below must be met to meet this standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Each unit must include at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors must be located, to the extent practicable, in a hallway adjacent to a bedroom. If the unit is occupied by hearing-impaired persons, smoke detectors must have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons in each bedroom occupied by a hearing-impaired person.</li><li>b. The public areas of all housing must be equipped with a <u>sufficient number</u>, but not less than one for each area, of battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Public areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and other common areas.</li></ul>

(Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Docket No. FR-5307-N-01, Notice of Allocations, Application Procedures, and Requirements for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grantees under the Recovery Act)

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that I am not a HUD certified inspector and I have evaluated the property located at the address below to the best of my ability and find the following:

☐ Property meets all of the above standards.

☐ Property does not meet all of the above standards.

Therefore, I make the following determination:

☐ Property is approved.

☐ Property is not approved.

Case Name:

Street Address:

Apartment:  City:  State:  Zip:

Evaluator's Signature:  Date:

Please Print Name:

CBO Exec. Dir. Initial:

HPRP Habitability Standards Checklist 2

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-no-funding/dhra/docs/habitstandards-checklist.doc>

# Streamlined Provisional Authorization For Transitional Rent

County Behavioral Health Service Agency (BHSA) plays a critical role in connecting Behavioral Health POF Members to Transitional Rent. To accelerate access and reduce delays, these agencies may conduct streamlined provisional authorizations, subject to key conditions:

Contracted TR Provider:	BHSA must be contracted with the Member’s MCP as a Transitional Rent Provider
BHSA Eligibility:	BHSA confirms Member is BHSA-eligible and commits to providing BHSA Housing Interventions Post-TR
Timely Referral:	BHSA must submit referral and authorization request to MCP <b>within 14 days</b> of when they made the provisional authorization
MCP Response:	MCP must authorize or deny Transitional Rent coverage within 5 business days





# Transitional Rent

## Housing Support Plan Requirements

### The Housing Support Plan must:

1. Identify the permanent housing strategy and solution for the Member, including the **payment sources and mechanisms**, that will support the Member in maintaining housing after the Room and Board services covered under the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system are exhausted. (BHSA voucher or another long-term rental subsidy)
2. Identify the full range of permanent housing supports that will support the Member in sustaining tenancy (e.g., tenancy sustaining service, utilities).
3. Be informed by Member preferences and needs and reviewed and revised as needed based on changes in Member circumstances.
4. Be based on a housing assessment that addresses identified barriers, includes short- and long-term measurable goals for each issue, establishes the Member's approach to meeting the goal, and identifies when other providers or services, both reimbursed and not reimbursed by Medi-Cal, may be required to meet the goal.
5. Be developed in a way that is culturally appropriate and trauma-informed.

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# Transitional Rent Projected Authorization Summary

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# Key Housing Setting Information

Example:

Zip Code	91501
Setting	Permanent - Single-family and multi-family homes (e.g., duplexes)
Bedrooms	2
County	Los Angeles
City	Burbank
Start Date:	1/10/2026
Rent Amount	\$2,990.00
Days Eligible	Limited Days Remaining
Days Remaining	75 days

## Transitional Rent Calculations

	Amount	Month							Total
		Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	
Reimbursable Rent	\$2,990.00	\$2,121.94	\$2,990.00	\$2,411.29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$7,523.23
Days Available		22	28	25	0	0	0	0	75

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# Member/Provider Journey

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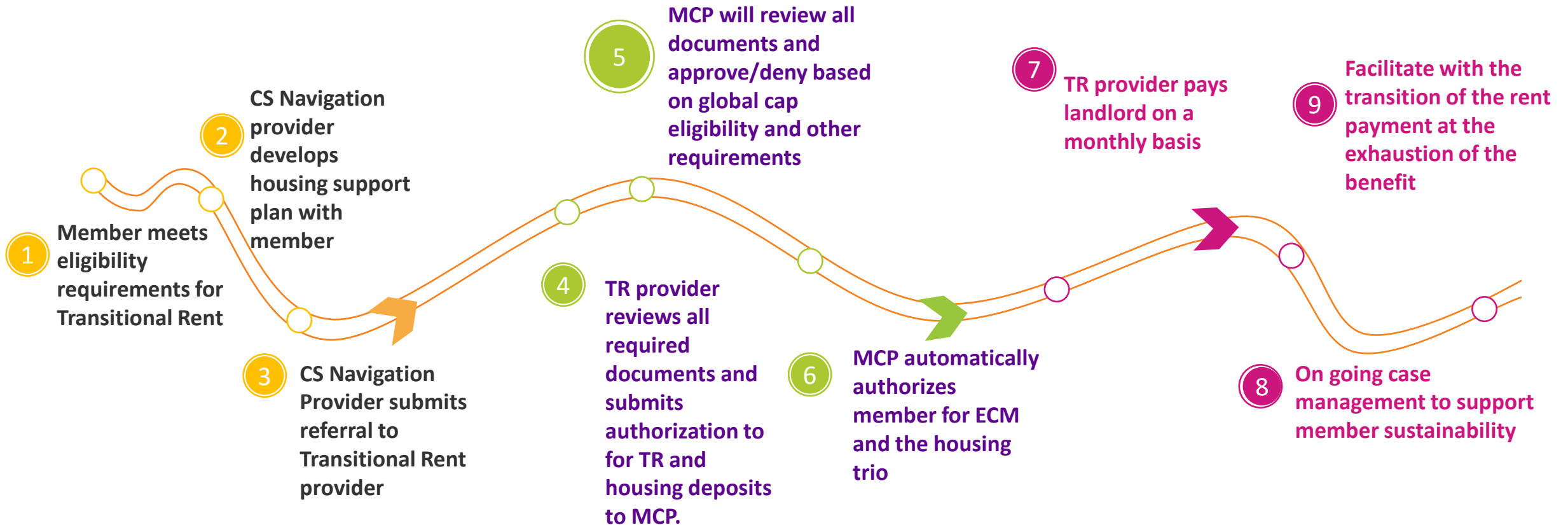


# Transitional Rent-Member/Provider Journey

## Member Eligibility

## Transitional Rent Authorization Process

## Housing Sustainability



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Thank you!

To ensure you are compliant with this training please click on the link below to take the attestation!

[Transitional Rent Benefit Attestation](#)

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