



Chronically Homeless Definition Q&A

DedicatedPLUS Overview

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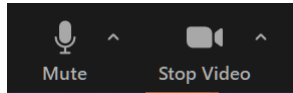
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- If you need help or have a question please put it in the Chat box
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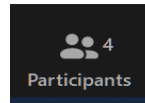
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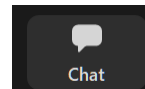
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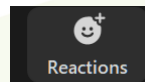
- Participants – see your peers on the call



- Chat – talk with your peers on the call



- Reactions – emojis to respond to questions



Agenda

- ➔ 1. Welcome and Introductions
- ➔ 2. DedicatedPLUS Overview
- ➔ 3. Chronic Homelessness Definition Q &A
- ➔ 4. Wrap-up



POLL QUESTION



Q1: Did you attend the April or May Chronic Homelessness Documentation trainings?

- ▶ Yes
- ▶ No

Q2: If you attended the previous trainings, do you feel like you can help eligible applicants document chronic homelessness status?

- ▶ Yes
- ▶ No
- ▶ Maybe

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Final Definition of Chronically Homeless

1. A “homeless individual with a disability,” as defined in the Act, who:
 - ▶ Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
 - ▶ Has been homeless (as described above) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months
 - 🔗 Occasions separated by a break of at least seven nights
 - 🔗 Stays in institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break

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2. An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility;
or
3. A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless

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DedicatedPLUS Definition

PSH: DedicatedPlus Eligibility

Participants must meet at least one of the following criteria at intake:

- Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3
- Residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project
- Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven and does not currently meet the definition of chronically homeless, but did prior to entering a permanent housing project in the last year which they were unable to maintain



PSH: DedicatedPlus Eligibility (*cont.*)

- Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project
- Residing and had resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions
- Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

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Recordkeeping Requirements

- Dedicated Beds in PSH projects (*regular and DedicatedPLUS*)
 - ▶ Project-level tracking system to not exceed caps on amount self-documentation
- DedicatedPLUS (without dedicated beds)
 - ▶ CH final rule recordkeeping caps do not apply

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FAQ 3298 Excerpt – DedicatedPLUS Documentation

- Recipients of DedicatedPLUS projects are not required to follow the recordkeeping requirements included in the final rule on Defining Chronically Homeless for beds not dedicated ...HUD expects recipients to obtain as much third-party evidence as possible Recipients should demonstrate due diligence at collecting third-party evidence (e.g., phone calls or emails to other providers) ...
- ...CoCs should consider adopting specific standards for DedicatedPLUS projects on the extent in which third-party documentation is required for documenting the length of time program participants resided in a place not meant for human habitation, an emergency shelter, or a safe haven.

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Caps on Self-Certification for Dedicated Project Beds

- 3rd Party documentation is always preferred
 - ▶ Must thoroughly document attempts to obtain third-party documentation and why third-party documentation was not obtained if using other methods
- Dedicated beds documentation caps
 - ▶ All participants – up to 3 months can be documented through self-certification
 - ▶ Up to 25% of households served in an operating year can self-certify more than 3 months

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Implementation and Compliance

- Program participants admitted after January 15, 2016 in dedicated or prioritized PSH beds must meet definition included in final rule UNLESS:
 - ▶ There are no chronically homeless persons within specified subpopulation (if applicable) in the **CoC's geographic area** at the time in which vacancy is available (identified or willing to accept an offer of PSH).
 - ▶ Not an ongoing exception—upon turnover, must be used to serve chronically homeless persons unless there are still none in the CoC's geographic area
 - ▶ Must document due diligence to locate and engage chronically homeless persons.

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Non-Chronically Homeless in Dedicated Bed

- Steps
 - ▶ Establish policy and procedure for identifying and serving CH households
 - 🔗 Includes active list process, CES, outreach worker engagement
 - ▶ When and How?
 - 🔗 When no CH households are ready or willing to utilize the PSH
 - 🔗 CoC and PSH Recipient or subrecipient retains documentation about efforts to locate persons experiencing CH
 - Regular outreach
 - Reasonable efforts to locate and identify CH households
 - 🔗 CoC strategy for outreach is documented
 - 🔗 Documentation that no identified CH households within the CoC's geographic area

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Questions?

HUD Exchange Resource List

- [HUD Exchange Website Home Page](#)
- [CoC Program Page](#)
- [CoC Program Toolkit Page](#)
- [CoC Program Toolkit – Determining and Documenting Homelessness](#)
- [Recording and Documenting Homeless Status](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions – CoC Program](#)
- [Ask A Question](#) on HUD Exchange
- [Join a Mailing List](#) on HUD Exchange
- [CoC GIS Tools](#)



Chronic Homelessness Resource List

- [Final regulation on the definition of "chronically homeless"](#)
- [Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status \(PDF\)](#)
- [CoC Competition Focus: Ending Chronic Homelessness](#)
- [Sample Chronic Homelessness Documentation Checklist](#)
- View the [Defining "Chronically Homeless" Final Rule Webinar](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

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Chronic Homelessness Resource List

- Trainings
 - ▶ View the [Defining "Chronically Homeless" Final Rule Webinar](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
 - ▶ Recording and Documenting Homelessness
<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/recording-and-documenting-homeless-status/>
- DedicatedPLUS
 - ▶ [FY 2018 CoC Competition Focus: DedicatedPLUS - Explaining the New Strategy for Ending Chronic Homelessness](#)

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Thank you for attending!

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