

# York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit

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To: Recovery House Providers

From: Mark B. Durgin, Director of Program Development

RE: Recovery House/Bridge Subsidy Reinvestment Program for Medical Assistance Recipients in Approved for Recovery House

## **SOLICITATION OF INTEREST**

The York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit (HCMU) is soliciting applications from Recovery House Providers interested in working with The York Adams HealthChoices Management Unit in a reinvestment project for both York and Adams County Medical Assistance members who utilize Recovery House facilities and are in need of time and dollar limited financial assistance until they are able to gain employment. These funds known as the Bridge Support Subsidy/Recovery House Funds are to assist HealthChoices Medical Assistance Members with funds to offset Room and Board for approved members in a Recovery House.

The York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit desires to identify Recovery House providers who are interested in working with The York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit and are willing to meet Recovery House Standards in order to receive subsidies for persons in recovery or "members".

### **Brief Description of the Program:**

This subsidy program will have two tiers to assist Medical Assistance Recipients in the Recovery House, that are both time and dollar limited.

- 1) One option would provide room and board subsidies for individuals who are in need of a short-term subsidy until they can obtain employment or are able to obtain Social Security Insurance Disability (SSID) or other forms of income. These subsidies would provide a limited set amount towards room and board, for up to three (3) months. Individuals would be responsible to cover any remaining balance.
- 2) Option two would provider a smaller subsidy for up to (6) months. Individuals who are likely to be eligible for this subsidy would be those who have employment, or will have the likelihood of gaining employment within a short period of time, but will have financial hardship and will be unable to pay

the full room and board for various reasons. These subsidies would cover a portion of the room and board, for up to six (6) months.

The following steps will be taken in order to locate and approve Recovery House for this project:

- 1) Recovery House Providers will be expected to complete the attached application in full.
- 2) Recovery House Providers will be expected to be certified by Pennsylvania Alliance of Recovery Residences (PARR).
- 3) Recovery Houses applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the York/Adams HealthChoices Management unit and other key stakeholders (To be determined).
- 4) The York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit may also complete a visual inspection of the recovery house(s) to ensure standards are adhered to.
- 5) Once a Recovery House is approved, a meeting will be set up with each Recovery House provider to review the approved Reinvestment Plan, discuss the application process for members.
- 6) Applications potentially eligible for Medical Assistance recipients would be sent to the York/Adams HealthChoices for review. If approved, they would be provided an authorization which would verify the Subsidy and dollar amount. They would be provided with a list of approved Recovery Houses.
- 7) Recovery Houses will be approved annually by the committee.

The Standards for Recovery Houses utilized for this project are adapted from the Pennsylvania Association of Recovery Residences (PARR). (Please See PARR Application for Recovery House Standards. If you are not already a member of PARR, please fill out the included PARR application and submit that application directly to PARR). It is expected that the Recovery Houses meet the Standards listed above in order to work with York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit's Bridge Support Subsidy/Recovery House Funds program. By working with this program, you will be listed as a preferred provider for Recovery House programs working with York/Adams Medical Assistance recipients. This will allow referral resources to know that your facility meets these standards, even if the person seeking a recovery house is not part of this subsidy program.

Applications for the subsidy program will be required to be received from a County Agency, Case Management Agency, and/or a licensed Drug and Alcohol Provider. Applicants for this subsidy should be stepping down from non-hospital rehabilitation, halfway house treatment or prison. Applications will not be accepted directly from individual persons. All applicants will be screened by the HCMU in order to assess if they meet all criteria of the Recovery House program. Once approved, the HCMU will work with the member to link them to an approved Recovery House and encourage them to apply for Section 8/Housing Choice voucher programs.

It is anticipated that funding will be available for this program until June 30, 2019. This program anticipates serving up to 140 residents of York County and 32 residents of Adams County per year.

York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit Recovery House Bridge Subsidy applications and/or questions shall be addressed to the following person:

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Enclosure:

York/Adams HealthChoices Application – Return to York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit  
PARR Application – Return to Fred Way at PARR ([fredway@ymail.com](mailto:fredway@ymail.com))