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The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), in conjunction with Optum Idaho would like to share information with the provider network about the Shelter Plus Care program available through Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA).

The Shelter Plus Care program is intended to offer housing assistance for Medicaid members who have a Serious Mental Illness or Chronic Substance Abuse disorder and are homeless. The definitions of homelessness which would make a member eligible for housing assistance as described below:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks and abandoned buildings
- In an emergency shelter
- In transitional or supportive housing (for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or an emergency shelter)
- In a hospital or other institution for a short time (up to 90 consecutive days)

Persons who are “at risk of homelessness” do not qualify, one of the above criteria must be met.

If you are interested in additional information on this process, please contact your Provider Relations Advocates if you would be interested in training from IHFA on this referral process.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.idahohousing.com/homeless-resources/>