



Prioritization Standards for Chronically Homeless Households in Permanent Supportive Housing

- Purpose** This document recommends revisions to the Orders of Priority for Households Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing approved by the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Board on September 9, 2016.
- History** On July 28, 2014, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released [Notice CPD-14-012](#), which provides guidance to Continuums of Care (CoCs) and recipients of Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) regarding the order in which eligible households should be served. This Notice also establishes recordkeeping requirements for all recipients of CoC Program funded PSH.
- On June 6, 2016, the TX BoS CoC Board voted to approve the adoption of Notice CPD-14-012: Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status. On September 9, 2016, the Board approved a policy that all CoC funded PSH projects must be entirely (100%) dedicated to the Chronically Homeless.
- On July 25, 2016, HUD released [Notice CPD-16-11](#): Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
- CPD 16-11** This Notice supersedes Notice CPD-14-012. It updates definition of Chronically Homeless and the orders of priority that were established in the prior Notice.
- This Notice no longer outlines Order of Priority for Chronically Homeless Households in CoC Program-funded PSH Housing Beds Dedicated or Prioritized for Occupancy for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness. Instead, the Notice states, “CoCs are strongly encouraged to revise their written standards to include an order of priority, determined by the CoC, for CoC-Program funded PSH that is dedicated or prioritized for persons experiencing chronic homelessness that is based on the length of time in which an individual or family has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter and the severity of the individual’s or family’s service needs.”
- This Notice updates the Orders of Priority for Chronically Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded PSH Beds Not Dedicated or Not Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness.



Proposal

The TX BoS CoC proposes continuing to use the Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Dedicated for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness described in Notice CPD-14-12, which was adopted by the TX BoS CoC on June 6, 2016.

The Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Dedicated for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness will be:

Priority 1: Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness and with the Most Severe Service Needs

Priority 2: Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness

Priority 3: Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Most Severe Service Needs

Priority 4: All Other Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families

Proposal

The TX BoS CoC proposes amending the Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Not Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness to reflect the changes in Notice CPD-16-11. The Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Not Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness will be:

Priority 1: Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with Long Periods of Episodic Homelessness and Severe Service Needs

Priority 2: Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with Severe Service Needs

Priority 3: Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Places Not Meant for Human Habitation, Safe Haven, or Emergency Shelter Without Severe Service Needs

Priority 4: Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Transitional Housing