



KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS POLICY AND PROCEDURES			
<b>Policy Title</b>	Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP)	<b>Policy #</b>	4.59-P
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<b>Line of Business</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medi-Cal <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare		

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the guidelines and procedures for the Homeless and Housing Incentive Program (HHIP) within Kern Health Systems (KHS). HHIP aims to support delivery and coordination of health and housing services for Medicaid beneficiaries in accordance with All Plan Letter (APL) 22-007.

## II. POLICY

KHS shall implement all HHIP requirements to ensure compliance with Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) regulation. HHIP aims to improve health outcomes and access to whole person care services by addressing housing insecurity and instability as a social determinant of health for Medi-Cal population. The goal of the HHIP program is to drive change at the Managed Care Plan (MCP) and Provider levels by:

- A. Reducing and preventing homelessness.
- B. Ensuring MCP's develop the necessary capacity and partnerships to connect their members
  - 1. As designed, the incentive program is intended to support delivery and coordination of health and housing services for Members by:
    - a. Rewarding MCPs for developing the necessary capacity and partnerships to connect their Members to needed housing services; and
    - b. Incentivizing MCPs to take an active role in reducing and preventing homelessness.

## III. DEFINITIONS

TERMS	DEFINITIONS
<b>HHIP Population of Focus</b>	The HHIP includes all Medi-Cal members who are at risk of, have recently been, or are currently experiencing homelessness.

<b>Individuals Experiencing Homelessness</b>	<p>A. An individual or families who lacks adequate nighttime residence.</p> <p>B. An individual or families with a primary residence that is a public or private place not designed or ordinarily used for habitation.</p> <p>C. An individual or families living in a shelter.</p> <p>D. An individual or families exiting an institution into homelessness.</p> <p>E. An individual or families who will imminently lose housing in next 30 days.</p> <p>F. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, defined as homeless under other federal statutes.</p> <p>G. Individuals or families fleeing domestic violence.</p>
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#### IV. PROCEDURES

- A. The HHIP period is expected to be effective from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023, and is split between distinct Program Years (PY):
1. PY 1 (January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022).
  2. PY 2 (January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023).

- B. The HHIP is split between three distinct measurement periods

MCP Submission	Measurement Period	MCP Submission Date	Program Year
MCP Local Homelessness Plan (LHP) Submission	January 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	1
MCP Submission 1	May 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022	February 2023	1
MCP Submission 2	January 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023	December 2023	2

- C. KHS elects to participate in the HHIP Program, and therefore must meet the requirements outlined in the applicable Reporting Template to earn the HHIP payments.
- D. HHIP payments will be in addition to the KHS's actuarially sound capitation rates.
- E. KHS may earn up to its allocated amount based on the achievement of specified measures and the successful completion of other requirements as outlined below, subject to the requirement of 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 438.6(b)(2), stating that incentive payments may not exceed five percent of the approved capitation payments attributable to the enrollees or services covered by the incentive arrangement.
1. DHCS determines the maximum amount of incentive payments that KHS is eligible to earn based on factors established by DHCS.
  2. For Incentive Payment 1, KHS will be evaluated based on the quality of the Local Homeless Plan (LHP) components submitted, including the Landscape Analysis, Funding Availability assessment, and Strategies, as well as on the program measures. Each program measure will either be earned in full, or not earned.

- F. KHS will be required to submit information pertaining to the mandatory measures, and can select among additional optional measures, as applicable, to be eligible to earn up to their full payment allocation.
1. DHCS will evaluate KHS's submissions and make incentive payments that are proportional to the number of points earned per measure in accordance with the applicable Reporting Template.
  2. The Reporting Templates will specify the requirements for KHS reporting.
  3. KHS is not eligible to earn points for measures that are not applicable during the measurement period.
  4. KHS must report a set of quantitative and narrative measures as outlined in the submission template during the measurement period.
- G. KHS is expected to work closely with all applicable local partners including, but not limited to: local Continuums of Care (CoCs), counties, public health agencies, organizations that deliver housing services (i.e., interim housing, rental assistance, supportive housing, outreach, and prevention/diversion), Providers, county mental health plans, and Drug Medi-Cal and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems in their efforts to meet the program's goals and to report on measures. KHS is required to maximize investment with local partners who are leading housing and homelessness-related efforts on the ground and most directly supporting and assisting this vulnerable population.
1. KHS must collaborate with other health plans in Kern County to submit a single LHP.

## V. ATTACHMENTS

N/A	
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## VI. REFERENCES

Reference Type	Specific Reference
All Plan Letter(s) (APL)	DHCS APL 22-007
All Plan Letter(s) (APL)	DHCS APL 24-005

## VII. REVISION HISTORY

Action	Date	Brief Description of Updates	Author
Created	4/29/2024	Created policy per DHCS APL 24-005, California Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program – DHCS approved the policy on 8/1/2024.	PNM

## VIII. APPROVALS

Committees   Board (if applicable)	Date Reviewed	Date Approved
Choose an item.		
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Regulatory Agencies (if applicable)	Date Reviewed	Date Approved
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	7/24/2024 for DHCS 24-005	8/1/2024
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Chief Executive Leadership Approval *		
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Chief Executive Officer		
Chief Operating Officer		
Chief Financial Officer		
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### Policy and Procedure Review

**KHS Policy & Procedure:** 4.59-P Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP)

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