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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA LETTER FOR TRANSITIONAL RENT (SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE) TO CALIFORNIA'S SECTION 1115(A) DEMONSTRATION TITLED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZED NETWORKS OF EQUITABLE CARE AND TREATMENT (BH-CONNECT) (PROJECT NUMBERS 11-W-00472/9 and 21-W-00080/9)

Dear Ms. Kristian:

The Department of Health Care Services is officially submitting the BH-CONNECT Eligibility Criteria Letter for Transitional Rent (Short-term rental assistance) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The letter is required by Section 10.7 of Special Terms and Conditions and Attachment G of California's Section 1115 Waiver, titled "Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care And Treatment (BH-CONNECT)" (Project Numbers 11-W-00472/9 and 21-W-00080/9).

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact Farrah Samimi, Staff Services Manager I, Office of Compliance, by email at Farrah.Samimi@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Member eligibility for Transitional Rent will remain consistent with what is provided in [Attachment G](#) of the BH-CONNECT Special Terms and Conditions (STCs). In accordance with STC 10.7 and Attachment G, in addition to the Behavioral Health Population of Focus, MCPs may elect to cover Transitional Rent for other Transitional Rent-eligible populations starting on January 1, 2026. Below are the MCPs that have elected to cover additional Transitional Rent-eligible populations in select counties (defined in the subsequent subsection) starting on January 1, 2026 and July 1, 2026.

- Starting on January 1, 2026, SCAN Health Plan in Los Angeles County will cover:
 - Transitioning out of institutional or congregate residential settings population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(1))
 - Transitioning out of interim housing population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(3))
 - Transitioning out of recuperative care and short-term post-hospitalization housing population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(4))
 - Unsheltered homeless population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(6))
- Starting on July 1, 2026, AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles County will cover:
 - Transitioning out of institutional or congregate residential settings population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(1))
 - Transitioning out of interim housing population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(3))
 - Transitioning out of recuperative care and short-term post-hospitalization housing population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(4))
 - Unsheltered homeless population (Attachment G, Section 2(A)(6))

Eligibility Criteria for Additional Transitional Rent Eligible-Populations

- Transitioning out of institutional or congregate residential settings population are those Medi-Cal MCP members who:
 - Satisfy the clinical risk factor requirement, satisfy the social risk factor requirement, and have not reached their 6-month global cap for room and board-only supports, pursuant to Attachment G, Section 2(B)-(D).
 - Are transitioning out of an institutional or congregate residential setting, as described in Attachment G, Section 2(A)(1).
- Transitioning out of interim housing population are those Medi-Cal MCP members who:
 - Satisfy the clinical risk factor requirement, satisfy the social risk factor requirement, and have not reached their 6-month global cap for room and board-only supports, pursuant to Attachment G, Section 2(B)-(D).

- Are transitioning out of interim housing, as described in Attachment G, Section 2(A)(3).
- Transitioning out of recuperative care and short-term post-hospitalization housing population are those Medi-Cal MCP members who
 - Satisfy the clinical risk factor requirement, satisfy the social risk factor requirement, and have not reached their 6-month global cap for room and board-only supports, pursuant to Attachment G, Section 2(B)-(D).
 - Are transitioning out of recuperative care or short-term post-hospitalization housing, as described in Attachment G, Section 2(A)(4).
- Unsheltered homeless population are those Medi-Cal MCP members who:
 - Satisfy the clinical risk factor requirement, satisfy the social risk factor requirement, and have not reached their 6-month global cap for room and board-only supports, pursuant to Attachment G, Section 2(B)-(D).
 - Are unsheltered homeless as described in 24 CFR part 91.5, as detailed in Attachment G, Section 2(A)(6).