

Alameda County Care Connect (AC3)

Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool

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Alameda County Care Connect Overview

- Alameda County’s Whole Person Care Pilot Program – a California Section 1115 (a) Medicaid waiver program
- Overall goal = improving health and well-being of current Medi-Cal recipients through coordination and more effective and efficient use of health, behavioral health, social services, and other resources
- Target populations = Medi-Cal eligible individuals **who** are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and/or those **who** utilize services from multiple systems with poor health outcomes
- *Housing as a health care issue* – program allows for expanding services to help Medi-Cal recipients with housing needs; savings from service investments can help fund “Housing Pools”

“Housing Pools”

- Federal Medicaid funds cannot be used for “room and board” or housing development costs but can be used to save local dollars on services
 - for example, reducing avoidable hospitalizations and crisis services
- Whole Person Care program guidelines allow participating counties to invest **local savings (non-federal funds)** from their programs into strategic housing investments
- Local housing investments can **fund** the cost of acquiring and developing new housing units OR subsidize rents/housing operating costs for Whole Person Care target populations

Health & Housing Investment Examples

- New York State Department of Health –
 - [Medicaid Redesign Team Supportive Housing Initiative](#)
- Louisiana State Department of Health –
 - [Supportive Housing Program](#)
- UnitedHealthcare (UHC) –
 - [Housing Investments](#)
 - [Community Care Settings Pilot of the Health Plan of San Mateo](#)
- Los Angeles County – Housing for Health –
 - [Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool](#)

Alameda County Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool

- HCSA seeking BOS approval in next month to approve the creation of a Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool
- One-time initial investment of \$5M from Whole Person Care health care services savings
- Create pool by building on existing MHSA-funded partnership between Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA) and HCSA-BHCS
- Structure pool to allow for additional ongoing and one-time housing investments

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- Learn from other successful housing-health partnership programs
- Link resources with local, state, and federal housing development dollars, e.g., Measure A1, to increase competitiveness for housing funding and increase creation of supportive housing units for homeless and disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries
- Track participant outcomes and return on investments over time