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Accelerating Housing and Services Partnerships to Advance Housing Stability

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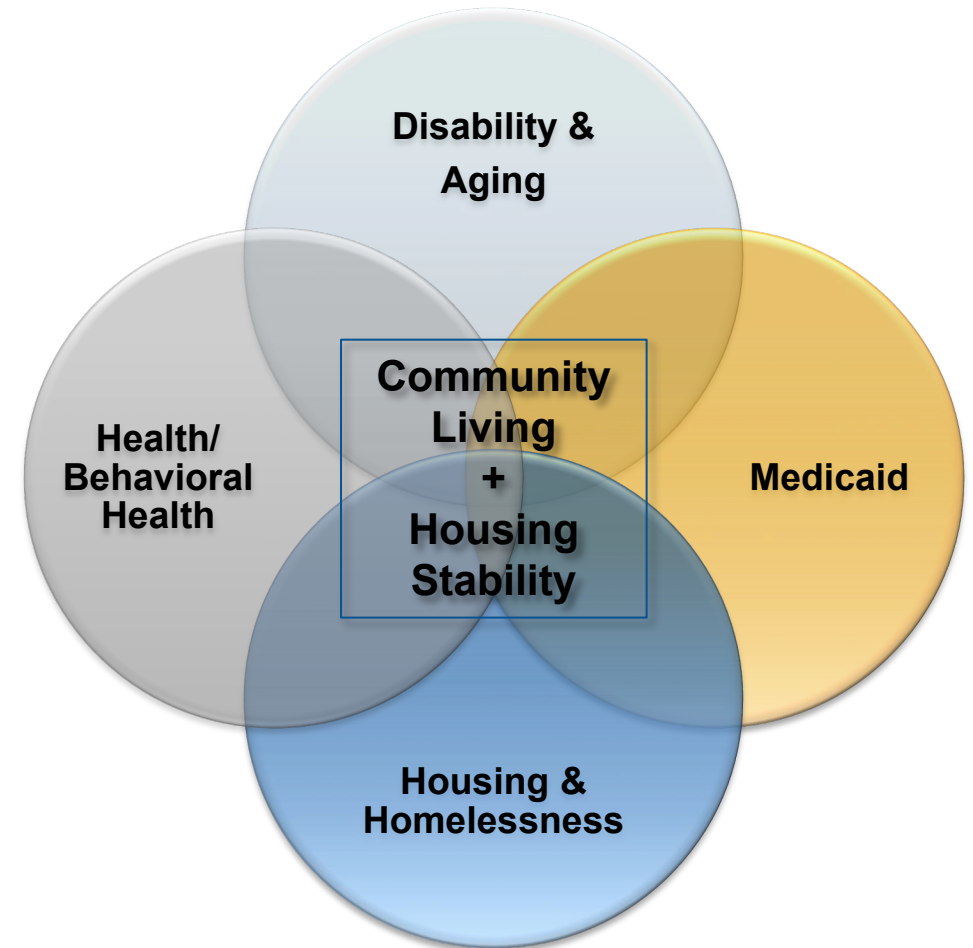


Agenda


- **Welcome**
- **Improving Housing Stability through Housing, Health, and Social Care Partnerships**
- **AAAs Leading the Way**
 - Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington
 - AgeSpan
- **Discussion**
- **Takeaways and Resources**

Federal Initiatives to Align Housing, Health, & Social Care

- Increased attention on health-related social needs (HRSNs), including housing
 - White House SDOH Playbook, HHS Call to Action, and ongoing federal interagency coordination
- Medicaid and Medicare HRSN policy updates expand support for addressing HRSNs
 - Medicaid 1115 waivers supporting state investments to address HRSNs
 - In Lieu of Services guidance for HRSNs in Medicaid managed care
 - CMS rules: new screening measures for SDOH for hospitals, physicians, and special needs plans, advanced payment incentives for Medicare ACOs, new codes in **Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule**



Opportunities to Align Housing, Health, & Social Care

- Health care contracts: source of funding for housing and services
 - Medicaid Managed Care, Medicare Advantage, D-SNPs, health systems, Accountable Care Orgs
 - Need local expertise on aging services, connections to diverse populations, ability to braid funding, and connections to an array of community supports
 - Partnering with health care to address housing or other HRSNs: AAAs and CBOs may need additional capacity?
 - Community care hubs: another avenue for health care contracting and braiding available funding to meet individuals' needs
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Housing & Services Partnership Accelerator (HSPA)

Advancing Housing Stability and Community Living

Goal: Support states and communities to accelerate the development and implementation of innovative state strategies to provide housing-related activities and supports to persons with disabilities and/or older adults who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Why? The coordination of housing assistance and wrap-around supportive services—such as in the form of supportive housing—is a proven, cost-effective approach to assisting people with disabilities and chronic/complex health conditions to transition from homelessness, exit or avoid institutional settings, and live in the community.

Benefits to State Participants



Opportunity to develop and expand knowledgebase



Access to technical assistance to support state activities



Increased capacity to implement and strengthen strategies for providing housing-related activities, supports, and services



Implement a whole-of-government approach to address housing stability

Learn More:

<https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices/Accelerator>

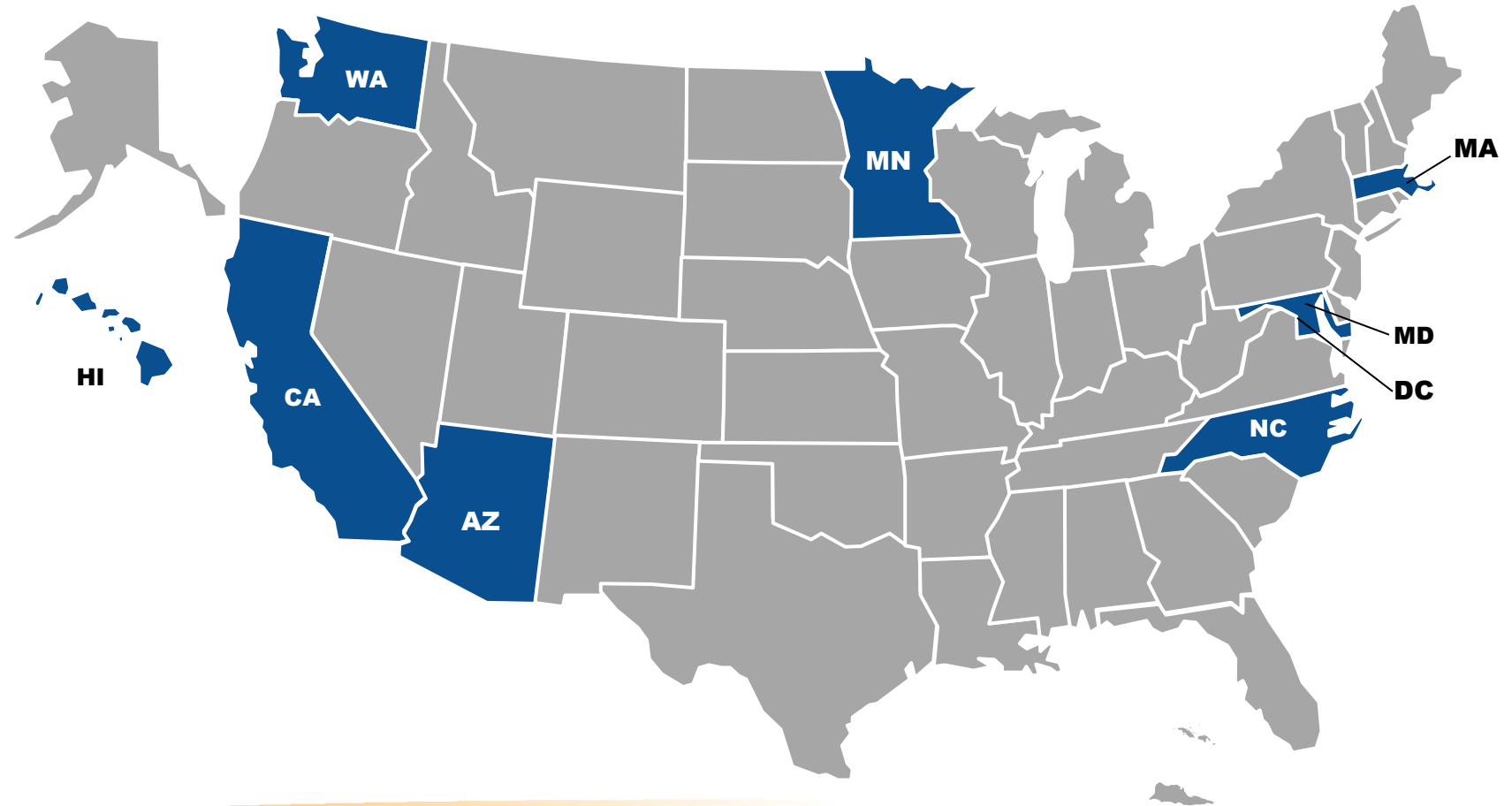
HSPA State Participants & Medicaid Authorities for Coverage of Housing-Related Services & Supports

1115 Demonstrations

- Arizona
- California [w/1915(b)]
- Hawaii
- Maryland [pilot]
- Massachusetts
- North Carolina [pilot]
- Washington

1915(i) SPAs

- Washington DC
- Minnesota



Examples of Housing-Related Supports and Services

**Pre-tenancy services,
including transition and navigation services**
(e.g., finding and securing housing, one-time
transition and moving costs)



Behavioral health services
(e.g., case management,
counseling, medication
assistance)



**Tenancy sustaining services,
including individualized case management**
(e.g., linkages to state and federal benefit programs, benefit program
application assistance, eviction prevention, tenant rights education)



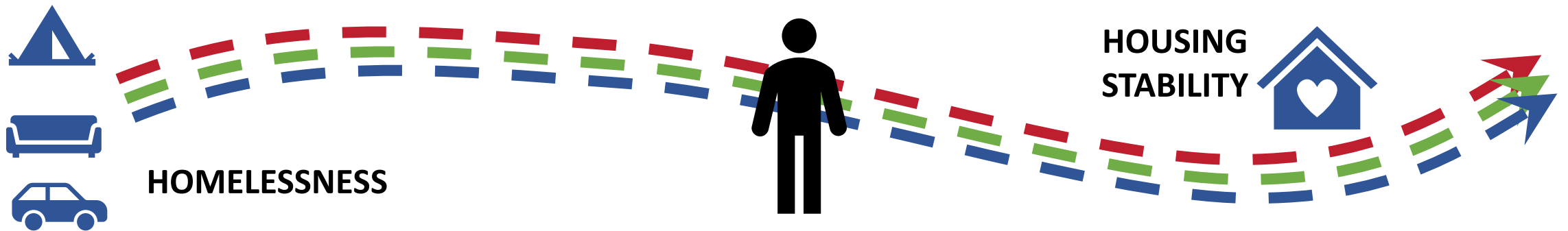
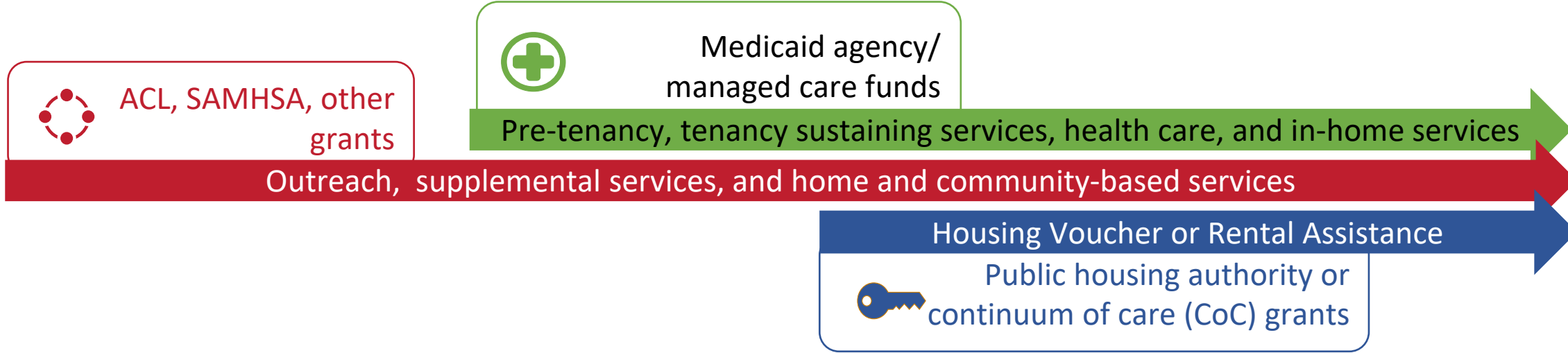
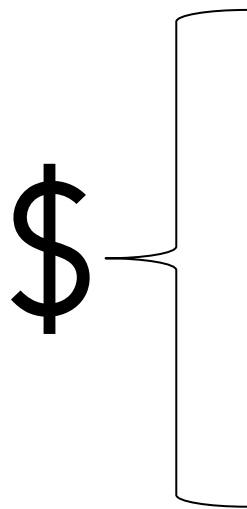
Home remediations
(e.g., air ventilation
improvements, mold and
pest removal)



**Home/ environmental
accessibility modifications**
(e.g., wheelchair accessibility ramps,
handrails, assistive technology)



Housing, Health, and Social Care: Example



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Supportive Housing and 1115 Waiver in Washington State July 2024

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Our Housing Journey

- Started pre-1115 waiver
- Need for specialization
- Supportive Housing is one tool in the toolbox



Foundational Community Supports

- Third Party Administrator
- Targeted to Medicaid beneficiaries age 18+ with complex health needs



Risk Factors (one or more)

- Chronic homelessness
- Frequent or lengthy stays in an institutional setting (e.g. skilled nursing, inpatient hospital, psychiatric institution, prison or jail)
- Frequent stays in residential care settings
- Frequent turnover of in-home caregivers
- Predictive Risk Intelligence System (PRISM) score of 1.5 or above



Supportive Housing Providers

Pre-Tenancy Services



DEVELOP

individual housing support plan;
housing crisis plan



CONDUCT

search and secure affordable independent housing



ADVOCATE

lease review and Landlord-Tenant law;
be a housing advocate



ASSIST

participant's move-in process



COORDINATE

with participant's care team



Supportive Housing Providers

Ongoing Tenancy Support Services



Proactively support **maintenance of tenancy**

Relationship-building with landlords, property managers, & neighbors

Ensure up-to-date **person-centered housing supports & crisis plans**

Coordination with **care team & authorized LTSS**

Activities that support **community integration**

Connection to **permanent affordable housing**



Partners / Resources

- Spokane Housing Authority
- Landlords and housing providers
- Homeless service providers
- Transition Assistance Program
- Client Emergency Fund



AAAs and Homeless Continuums of Care

Addressing Housing Stability with Medicaid Funding in Massachusetts

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July 9, 2024





Case Study

Maria is a 61-year-old Spanish speaking woman living in an urban setting. She has painful arthritis and type 2 diabetes. Her last A1C was more than two years ago and was 9.0+.

Her sole source of income is from a low-wage, part time position. Her 46-year-old son, who suffers from substance use disorder, moved himself in and refuses to leave. Maria is afraid of him and knows that he is stealing both pain medication and money from her.

Maria is now 4 months behind on rent and facing eviction. Her refrigerator has been broken for months and she also suspects mold in her home but is afraid to bring any of these issues to her landlord. Maria is depressed and anxious.





Mass Health 1115 Demonstration Waiver

17 Medicaid (Mass Health) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)

5-year demonstration (2nd iteration)

Statewide coverage

Networks of physicians, hospitals, and other providers

80%+ Medicaid members now enrolled in an ACO

4,500 primary care providers

Mass Health contracts with ACO to coordinate care under a member centered plan

Common focus:

- Long Term Services and Supports
- Behavioral Health (including substance use disorders)

SDOH Assessment



HEALTH RISK NEEDS
SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT



HOUSING SUPPORTS
SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT



NUTRITION SUPPORTS
SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT



Housing Support Services

Pre-tenancy
Counseling

Housing
Search

Housing
Applications

Rent
payments

Eviction/Legal

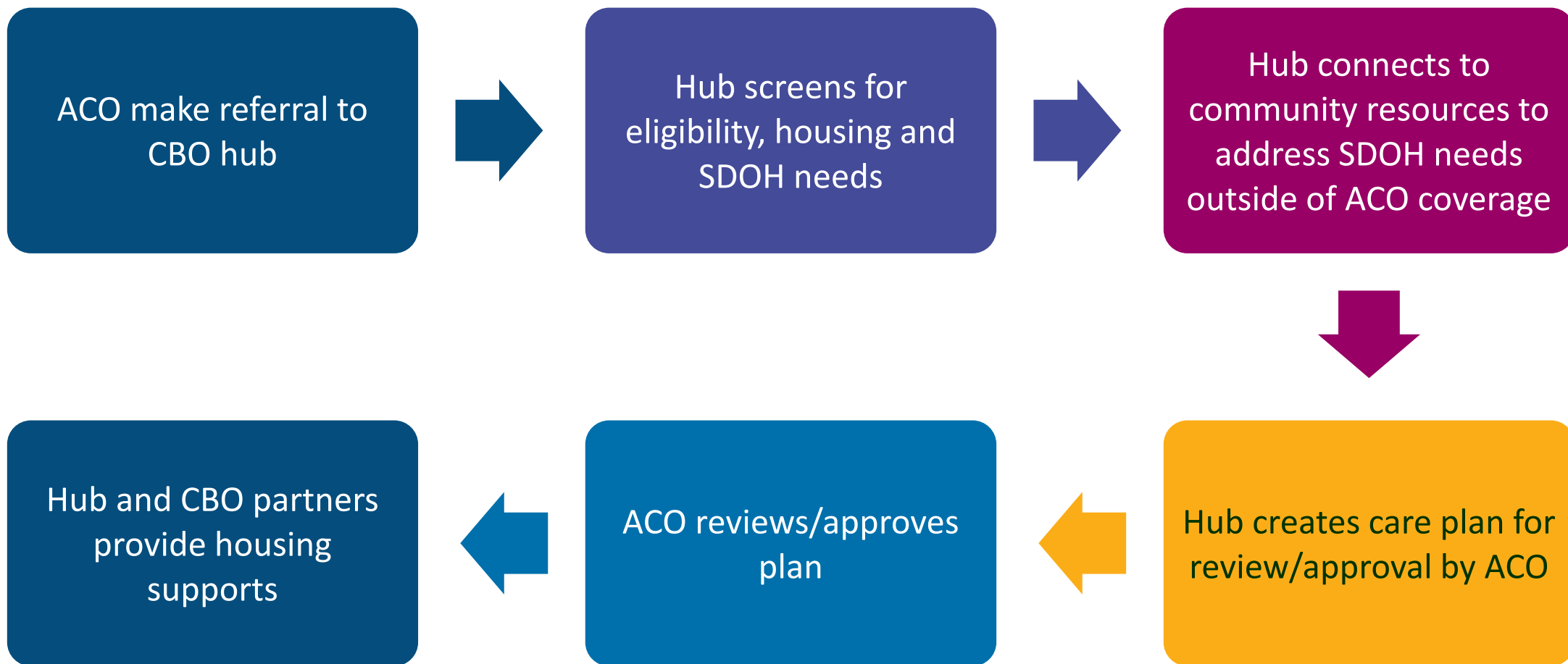
Home
Modifications

Household
Items

Transportation



Mapping Sample





Thank you!



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Take-Aways

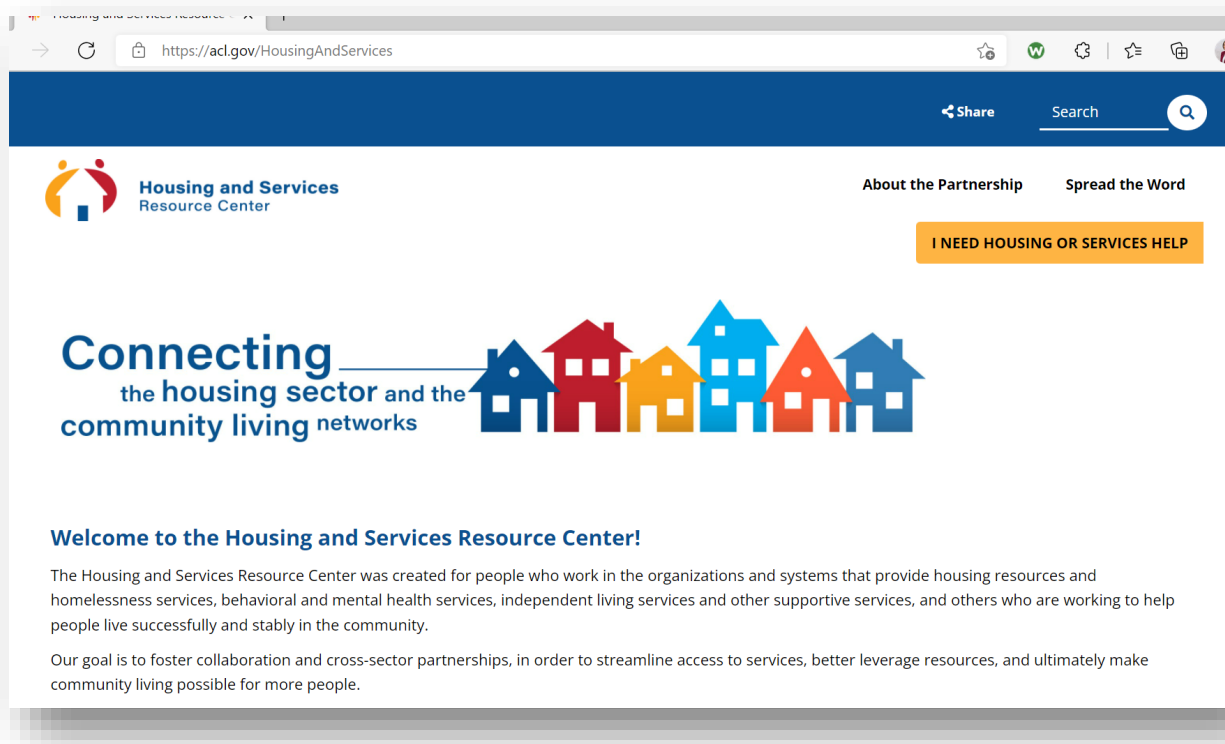
- Medicaid and Medicare flexibilities are increasing available funding for housing-related supports and services.
- AAA programs, services, funding, and network of local partners can play a role in addressing the rise in older adults who are experiencing homelessness.
 - Multisectoral collaborations are essential.
 - If capacity is an issue, consider the community care hub model.

Session Handouts

- Slides from today are posted in the conference portal
- For helpful links to resources, including the AgeSpan case study, go to <https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices/housing-stability-workshop-suggested-resources>



HSRC Website



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Connecting

the housing sector and the
community living networks



Focus Areas

Explore accessible, affordable, fair housing; homelessness; supportive services; tribal housing; and transitions



Models

Use these guides, examples, practices, and more to help you build, adapt, and grow partnerships across sectors



Tools

Find tools to support action, including data, reports, directories, training, toolkits, and funding information



What's New

Check this page regularly for our latest news and updates on webinars, tools, and technical assistance



Questions



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Email us at hsrc@acl.hhs.gov

- Tell us about your **partnerships and innovations**
- Let us know what **types of technical assistance** would be helpful
- Subscribe to the [**HSRC Listserv**](#)

Thank you!

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