

Multnomah County Medicaid Waiver Rent Assistance Program (MWRAP) *A Guide for Housing Providers and Landlords*

Program Overview The Medicaid Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Housing Waiver is a critical pathway to housing stability that allows Medicaid dollars to provide **up to six months of rent and utility assistance** for vulnerable populations. In Multnomah County, this funding is administered through many providers, including the Medicaid Waiver Rent Assistance Program (MWRAP), which actively works to prevent evictions.

Who is Eligible? To qualify for HRSN housing benefits, tenants must generally meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP/Medicaid).
- At or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Have a qualifying health condition (such as serious mental illness or substance use disorders).

Important Note for Tenants with Section 8 Vouchers Because HRSN Housing benefit dollars count as income, receiving these funds can create risks for tenants who rely on Section 8 housing vouchers. To protect your tenants' long-term, permanent housing subsidies, OHP limits the HRSN benefit to arrears payments for these households. This ensures they receive critical short-term stabilization without jeopardizing their permanent voucher eligibility.

How the Application Process Works MWRAP provides application assistance for tenants. Tenants must provide the following documents:

- **Fully executed Lease:** Lease should include the client's name, cover the current time period and be signed by both parties. If the presumed eligible household member's name doesn't appear on the lease, contact MWRAP for assistance.
- **Utility bills:** Two utility bills that reflect the tenant's address.

Once these documents have been collected, a member of the MWRAP Team will work with the client to complete an income verification and eligibility screening.

Contact Information For technical assistance, program questions, or to connect a tenant with the Medicaid Waiver Rent Assistance Program, please reach out to us at:

- **Medicaid Waiver Rent Assistance Program:**
 - **Email:** mwrap.intake@multco.us
 - **Phone:** 503.988.4467
- **Bienestar de la Familia:** MWRAP also collaborates directly with case managers embedded at *Bienestar de la Familia* to assist with HRSN applications, emergency hotel stays during housing searches, and Short-Term Rental Assistance (STRA) funds to cover move-in costs.