

State of Alaska/Department of Health and Social Services  
Section 811 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PRA) Program  
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The Section 811 application must be completed and signed by both the Sponsoring Agency and the Participant. Please refer to *Section 811 Project-Based Rental Assistance Program Eligibility* below for detailed information regarding eligibility and program requirements.

- The application *must* include:
  - Sponsoring Agency Application and Eligibility Certification Form
  - Participant Application Form
  - DHSS Release of Information

**Please send completed application to:**

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**Section 811 PRA Program Eligibility**

Applicants must meet minimum eligibility requirements to be considered for the Section 811 PRA Program. In addition, applicants must successfully meet any landlord screening requirements.

**Minimum Program Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for this program, a person must meet the following criteria:

- a) Meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s definition of a disabled family (24 CFR 5.403); AND
- b) Demonstrate qualification as extremely low-income, defined as less than 30 percent of Area Median Income; AND
- c) Be eligible for community-based, long-term services as provided through Medicaid waivers, Medicaid state plan options, state funded services, or other appropriate services related to the target population [i.e. Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) funded Community Behavioral Health Services Provider, or Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) funded provider]; AND
- d) Meet one of the following target populations:
  - a. Be residing in an Assisted Living Facility funded, in part, by the State of Alaska General Relief Assisted Living Home program (GR)
  - b. Be discharging from the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) or the Department of Corrections (DOC) and in need of permanent supportive housing upon discharge (i.e. meet eligibility for ALH level of care)
  - c. Be a youth who is aging out of foster care, an institutional setting, or transitioning from the adolescent service system to the adult service system

**Program Definitions for Eligibility**

For the purpose of this program, a “**person with disabilities**” has been defined as follows: Persons with disabilities shall have the same meaning as defined under 42 U.S.C. § 8013(k)(2) and shall also include the following, as found in 24 CFR § 891.305:

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A person who has a developmental disability, as defined in section 102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6001(5)), i.e., if he or she has a severe chronic disability which:

- i. Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- ii. Is manifested before the person attains the age of twenty-two;
- iii. Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- iv. Results in substantial functional limitation in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
  - a. Self-care;
  - b. Receptive and expressive language;
  - c. Learning;
  - d. Mobility;
  - e. Self-direction;
  - f. Capacity for independent living;
  - g. Economic self-sufficiency; and
  - h. Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; or  
A person with a chronic mental illness, i.e., a severe and persistent mental or emotional impairment that seriously limits his or her ability to live independently, and which impairment could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or  
A person infected with the human acquired immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and a person who suffers from alcoholism or drug addiction, provided they meet the definition of "person with disabilities" in 42 U.S.C. § 8013(k)(2).

**Extremely low income** has been defined as households with incomes 30% or below of the median income for local area in Alaska. Income verification is required for participation in this program.

Individuals "**eligible for community-based services**" has been defined as any individual deemed eligible to receive long term community-based DHSS-funded services through either the Division of Senior & Disabilities Services or the Division of Behavioral Health. These services are provided through Medicaid waivers, Medicaid state plan options, or grant funded services.

The following households are *excluded* from Section 811 PRA:

- Any household with a member(s) who was evicted in the last three years from federally assisted housing for drug-related activity, with the following exceptions:
  - The evicted household member has successfully completed an approved, supervised, drug rehabilitation program; or
  - The circumstances leading to the eviction no longer exist (e.g., the household member no longer resides with the Applicant household)
- Any household with a member(s) who is currently engaged in illegal use of drugs or for which the owner has reasonable cause to believe that a member's illegal use or pattern of illegal use

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of a drug may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment of the property by other residents

- Any household with a member who is subject to a state sex offender lifetime registration requirement
- Any household where there is reasonable cause to believe that a member's behavior from abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment by other residents.

**Support Services**

For the purpose of this program, "supportive services" means services provided to participants for the purpose of enhancing the participant's ability to maintain independent living. The services offered must be reasonably sufficient to help the participant maintain housing in the community. Individualized service packages will be designed on a case-by-case basis based on the participant's specific needs and desires.

Although services are voluntary and not a condition of receiving housing, each Section 811 PRA participant will be required to have a Sponsoring Agency who will be available to provide the supportive services necessary to ensure long-term housing stability.

By submission of the Section 811 PRA Program Application, the Sponsoring Agency agrees to the following: At minimum, Sponsoring agencies agree to:

- Assist the participant in navigating the program process, completing applications, and attending required housing appointments;
- Assistance with helping the participant find an apartment and moving in to their apartment;
- Identify and secure needed funds to assist with the transition process (transition funds are available to purchase items needed to set up apartments, security deposits, etc., and are available through DBH ISA or the SILC);
- Maintain contact with the participant and be available to mitigate issues with the property owner if they arise; and
- Provide a check-in at the participant's home, at minimum, once per month to ensure long-term tenancy.

In addition, while services are voluntary, sponsoring agencies are required to provide active outreach, engagement, and continue to offer any services or supports necessary to increase the likelihood that the program participant will maintain long-term housing stability. In addition to the supports listed above, sponsoring agencies agree to provide the following:

- Offer and provide supportive housing services which include tenancy supports and on-going housing stability services (e.g., tenant rights education, assistance with proactively addressing tenancy issues, skills training, community integration); and
- Offer, provide and/or assist the participant with accessing any services they request to support independent community living (e.g., case management, pharmacological management, skills development or training, employment services, etc.)