

The final rule on the definition of homelessness was published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2011 and went into effect January 4, 2012. This amends the regulations for the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) program. All persons entering into the program beginning with the 2011 grant agreement must meet the definition of homelessness and any other eligibility criteria relevant to the program and component type.

<FOR PH/SPC PROJECTS> Please note, as stated in the 2011 CoC NOFA, the **only** persons eligible for permanent supportive housing are persons coming from the streets, emergency shelters, safe havens, or transitional housing projects if they originally came from streets or shelters. Persons who are exiting an institution where they resided for 90 days *or less* and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution are also eligible to be served by SHP-PH or S+C projects. This is consistent with prior eligibility criteria for these programs.

<FOR TH/SSO PROJECTS> Please note, persons who are exiting an institution where they resided for more than 90 days or for less than 90 days but did not reside in emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering the institution, are not considered to be homeless. These persons may be considered to be at-risk of homelessness (see the interim rule for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program but are not eligible to be served by SHP Transitional Housing (TH) or Supportive Services Only (SSO) programs. This is a change from the prior definition of homelessness.

Grantees must certify for each project that all persons entering the program beginning in its FY2011 renewal operating year will be homeless and meet all other eligibility requirements per applicable regulations and NOFA.

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