

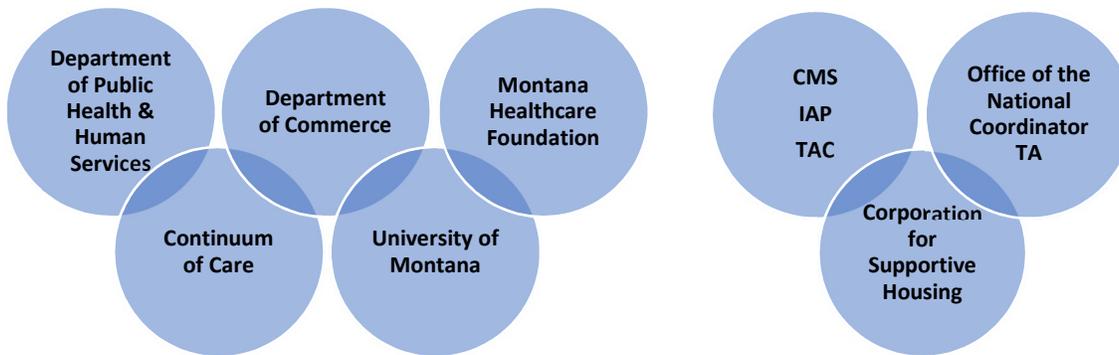
Housing Is Healthcare

Safe and affordable housing is an essential component of improved health and reduced utilization of costly health care services. A disproportionate portion of states' Medicaid budgets are used for a small segment of high-need, high-cost enrollees with complex health and social needs. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides states guidance regarding coverage for housing-related activities and services to maximize payment for services through Medicaid. Increasingly, states are considering ways to maximize Medicaid to reimburse for supportive housing services which include housing transition services, pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining services, and care coordination services to reduce costs and improve health outcomes. **Montana is coming together to examine the possibilities.**

Increased Opportunities and Research

Corporation for Supportive Housing Recommendations to DPHHS Reports	"Medicaid Supportive Housing Services Crosswalk" "Montana Business Case for a Supportive Housing Services Benefit"
CMS Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) Partnerships Implementation Track Technical Assistance <i>April 2019-May 2020</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase state adoption of individual tenancy sustaining services to assist Medicaid beneficiaries. ○ Expand housing development opportunities for Medicaid community-based LTSS beneficiaries through facilitation of partnerships with housing agencies. ○ Increase state adoption of strategies that tie together quality, cost, and outcomes in support of community-based services LTSS programs.
Office of the National Coordinator Technical Assistance <i>Concurrent with IAP</i>	Helps IAP states understand how they can use technology to support their IAP goals for Medicaid beneficiaries.
Interdepartmental Housing Integration Project (IHIP) – Funding Opportunity <i>Application due January 2019</i>	Capacity development funds from MHCF to allow for enhanced TA, research, and project support for the goals identified in the IAP work plan, and CSH recommendations that result in identifying relevant Medicaid benefits and strategies in Medicaid to further support housing-related services and activities.

Increased Partnerships



Increased Funding Opportunities

HUD – DPHHS/Dept of Commerce Partnerships	Continuum of Care Coalition
HUD 811 Voucher Program – ends September 2020 – \$2 m (81 vouchers) – MOU with DPHHS Mainstream Voucher Program – application submitted 9/3/19 requested \$450,000 (75 vouchers)– DPHHS Letter of Commitment. Notified 11/14/19 of award for \$351,785 (60 vouchers).	Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) – \$3.4 m Youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth, where no member of the household is older than 24.

Next Steps

