

Access to Recovery - Iowa
Provider Manual September 2011 - Release #7: Housing Assistance

Subject: Housing Assistance Services
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Release #7 contains information for providers who are applying for or have a cooperative agreement with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to provide Access to Recovery (ATR) Covered Services. Contact IDPH ATR staff with any questions.

Housing Assistance services are being expanded in the menu of ATR Covered Services to include Halfway House services. By expanding Housing Assistance services, individuals residing in a Halfway House can now utilize Housing Assistance funding for this service, up to the established limits. IDPH has issued this Provider Release as an amendment to the September 2011 Provider Manual to update the definition of Housing Assistance services.

Housing Assistance Services Overview:

Short-term housing in a safe and recovery-oriented environment for clients with no other housing alternatives conducive to substance abuse recovery. Housing may be provided in a facility for individuals in recovery, in a licensed halfway house, or in a facility providing related services in the community.

Housing costs are to be based on a per-night stay and billed at the end of each month.

In the event that a client does not reside with a Housing Assistance provider for an entire calendar month, a pro-rated rate of \$7.00 each day in Housing Assistance can be claimed.

If costs for this service are higher than the maximum amount of funding allowed per month, the provider of this service can collect the remaining amount owed from the ATR client.

A maximum of \$200 in ATR funding can be used for Housing Assistance by a client per month.

Additional Requirements:

Organization delivering the service must be:

- a legally organized and recognized housing provider with a focus on providing housing services to individuals in recovery from substance abuse, or
- a substance abuse treatment program licensed to offer Halfway House services

with a cooperative agreement with IDPH to provide ATR Housing Assistance or Halfway House services.

The organization must have a documented history of providing housing assistance or halfway house services during the 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the date of application to IDPH to become an ATR provider.

Includes:

- documenting each service in the provider's records (*Appendix F*)
- entering each encounter in the ATR VMS
- documenting each overnight bed day client is present