

Housing Access Services

Housing Access Services (HAS) assists adults with disabilities that are assessed as eligible (don't necessarily have to be receiving) for the following state plan home care services and wish to move to homes of their own:

- Alternative Care waiver (AC)
- Elderly Waiver (EW)
- Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS)
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA)
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA Choice)
- Private Duty Nursing
- Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS)



HAS provides the following services:

- Seek and locate suitable, affordable, accessible housing.
- Assist individuals in considering a broad spectrum of issues related to housing.
- Accompany individuals as they look for housing.
- Complete rental application and lease agreements.
- Meet with landlords and property staff.
- Help with applications for publicly financed housing (Section 8).
- Household budget development
- Basic furnishings for a home, and any related housing matters.
- Moving expenses

HAS is through a grant. We are contracted to help with moving eligible adults to homes of their own. MN-Department of Human Services defines home of their own as a place that is typically rented by people without disabilities, not controlled by a provider of service, and is not over concentrated or a designated place for individuals with disabilities. One thing **HAS** cannot do is place people in public housing, as they generally have an overconcentration of people with disabilities. The goal is to get people integrated in the community.

Housing Access Coordination

People can get housing assistance through Housing Access Coordination (HAC), instead of **HAS**, if they are receiving services through the following waivers:

- Brain Injury (BI)
- Community Alternative Care (CAC)
- Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI)
- Developmental Disabilities (DD)

HAC is an MA billable service, which means that a county social worker/case manager would need to submit a service agreement to the MN-Department of Human Services. The criteria for housing for HAC is a little broader, in that adults could move into public housing, as long as it is not owned, leased or controlled by a disability service provider. **HAC** is a service only, thus would have no money allocated for deposits, furnishings, or moving expenses. This service helps people plan, find, move/pack and follow up. (the individual must move to home of his/her own). We would need a service agreement to provide this service.

Funds for deposits and other items

If individuals are moving from licensed setting and are receiving a CADI/CAC/DD/BI waived service, we can use Transitional Services Funds (which also requires a service agreement from the county) for deposits, moving expenses, certain furnishings and household items, up to the limit set for each category). If not moving from a licensed setting, or if the person is not on a waived service, we can use **HAS** for application fees, deposits, some furnishings, & moving expenses, but there are not unlimited funds, so we may need to prioritize and possibly supplement with other funding in the community. At this time, if a person on a waiver is not moving from a licensed setting, there is no money available to pay for deposits, moving expenses, furnishings, or household items.