

**Purpose:**

The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (811 PRA) program is a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide extremely low income persons with disabilities access to affordable, integrated, and accessible housing.

811 PRA will provide a project-based rent assistance subsidy. The rental assistance will pay the difference between the amount the tenant can pay affordably and the approved fair market rent for that apartment.

**Eligibility:**

At least one person in the household must be non-elderly (age 18 to 61), disabled, and receiving or be eligible to receive Medicaid (Long Term Services and Supports). The gross household income must be at or below 30% Area Median Income (Extremely Low Income).

**Referral Network:**

The DHS Local Lead Agencies (LLAs) and their stakeholders will conduct outreach, identify potential applicants, screen for eligibility, and refer applicants to vacant apartments.

811 PRA has three priority target groups that includes adults with Autism, intellectual and physical disabilities, serious mental illnesses, and transitional age youth with disabilities. These groups are then prioritized based on the setting the applicant currently lives in:

**Priority 1** - *Institutionalized* but able to live in the community in permanent supportive housing. This includes, but is not limited to: private and public psychiatric hospitals, nursing facilities and facilities for those with intellectual disabilities.

**Priority 2** - *At-risk of institutionalization* with no permanent supportive Housing. This includes, but is not limited to: people who are living with caregivers in unstable situations, homeless, people aging out of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program with no family supports, and individuals aging out of foster care.

**Priority 3** - *Congregate Care Setting* and desires to live in community. This includes, but is not limited to: persons in Community Residential Rehabilitation facilities, Long Term Structured Residences, personal care homes and domiciliary care.

**Properties:** An eligible multifamily property can be any new or existing property funded with federal HOME, and/or Low Income Housing Tax Credit program with at least 5 housing units. Properties must be fully integrated. Units must meet the program criteria for integration, accessibility and access to transportation and services.

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