# Understanding HUD Defined Homeless Statuses



#### What is Literal Homelessness?



Literally homeless is defined as individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, meaning the individual or family has:

- A primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation, or
- Is living in a **publicly or privately operated shelter** designed to provide temporary living arrangements.
  - This category also includes individuals who are **exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less** who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior to entry into the institution.

Public or Private Place Not Publicly or Privately Operated Exiting an Institution Where He or Fleeing a Domestic Violence Situation **Meant for Human Habitation** Shelter She Resided for 90 Days Or Less Hospitals Fleeing or attempting to Safe Haven ٠ Vehicles Jail flee a violence situation: DV shelter program Abandon buildings or Rehab Programs Has no other residence; **Emergency Shelter** structures without ٠ Mental Health Facility AND lacks resources for Hotel rooms paid for by non running water permanent housing profits, government programs or Sleeping outdoors faith based affiliates

#### What is Chronic Homelessness?

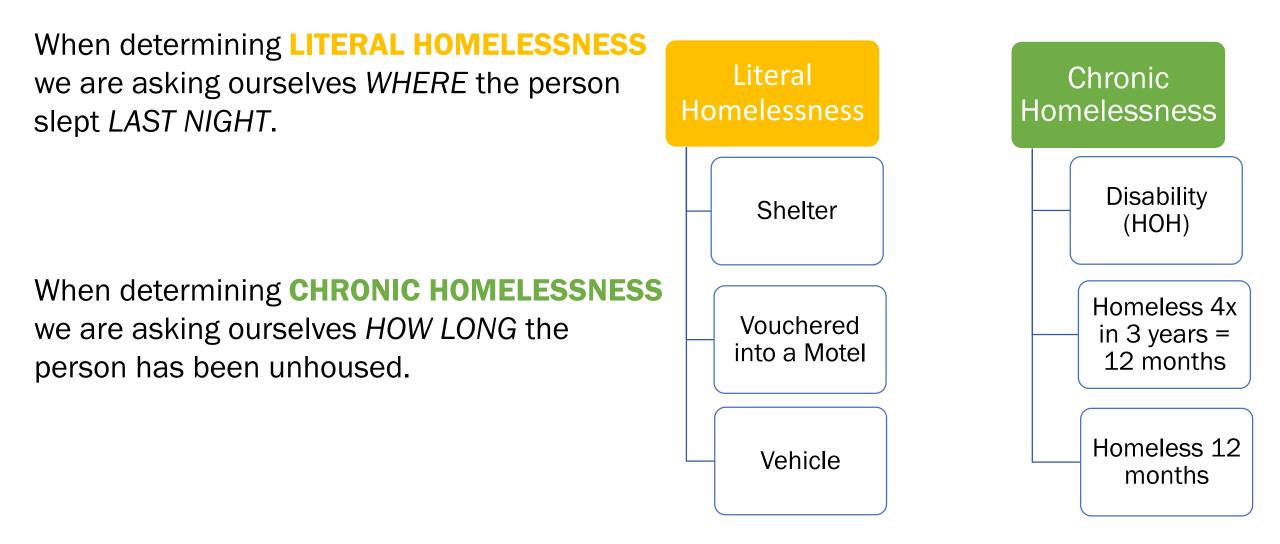


Chronically Homeless is a person who has been:

- Literally homeless for 12 consecutive months or has had at least four episodes (and a total of at least 12 months) of being literally homeless in the past three years, with an episode constituting a break of at least 7 days in a housed situation;
- AND have a disabling condition (for families: head of household has a disabling condition), including:
  - A substance use disorder
  - A serious mental illness
  - A developmental disability
  - Posttraumatic stress disorder
  - A brain injury
  - A chronic physical illness or disability









# WHEN **DO CLIENTS** LOSE LITERAL HOMELESS **STATUS?**

Clients lose literal homeless status once they begin residing in an institution like, jail, rehab or a mental health facility for over 90 days.

Clients lose literal homeless status once they begin couch surfing or staying with family or friends

Clients lose literal homeless status once they begin paying for a motel/hotel with their own or borrowed money from a friend or family member.



Clients lose literal homeless status once they are accepted into and lease-up into a housing resource like Rapid Re-Housing.



# WHEN **DO CLIENTS** RETAIN LITERAL HOMELESS **STATUS?**



Clients retain literal homeless status while residing in shelters and/or safe havens.



Clients retain literal homeless status when they exit an institution like jail, detox or a mental health facility and begin sleeping outdoors or other places not meant for human habitation



Clients retain literal homeless status when actively fleeing domestic violence



Clients retain literal homeless status when they are vouchered into a motel by a nonprofit, government agency or church affiliate



# WHEN **DO CLIENTS** LOSE **CHRONIC** HOMELESS **STATUS?**



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NOTE:

These 3 scenarios are considered housed episodes, or breaks in homelessness. When these occur, chronicity can no longer be 12 consecutive months, and clients must have 4 separate unhoused episodes of homelessness totaling 12 months within the last 3 years in order to be considered chronically homeless.

Clients lose chronic homeless status once they become housed for <u>over 90</u> <u>days</u> in an institution like, jail, rehab or a mental health facility.

Clients may lose chronic homeless status once they begin couch surfing for at least 7+ consecutive days depending on other time spent homeless.

Clients may lose chronic once they begin self paying at a motel or hotel for at least 7+ consecutive days depending on other time spent homeless.



# WHEN **DO CLIENTS** RETAIN **CHRONIC** HOMELESS **STATUS?**



Clients retain chronic homeless status while residing in shelters and/or safe havens.



Clients retain chronic homeless status when accepting housing resources like Rapid Re-Housing.

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Clients retain chronic homeless status when exiting an institutional stay of 90+ days, IF they also have at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the past three years prior to entering the institution, and are literally homeless again, adding up to 12+ months