

Chronically Homeless Determination
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➤ Chronically Homeless Definition

“Homeless” is defined as a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g.– living on the streets) OR living in a homeless emergency shelter. Individuals are deemed Chronically Homeless if they meet the following criteria:

1. Person has been continuously homeless for 90 days or more;
2. OR has been homeless on at least four (4) occasions in the last three (3) years where those occasions cumulatively total at least ninety (90) days. To be considered separate occasions of homelessness, a period of at least 7 days must occur between the periods of homelessness. If the break between the periods of homelessness is less than 7 days, those periods of homelessness are considered as only one occasion of homelessness.

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➤ If the individual meets all of the above criteria and is deemed Chronically Homeless, they are eligible for Medically Frail status. Individuals have Medically Frail status for 6 months. If the individual still meets the above criteria after the 6 month Medically Frail eligibility period, the MCO must be contacted to have the Medically Frail status re-determined.

If an individual reports an address change and is no longer homeless, the individual still receives the full 6 month Medically Frail status. However, if they are not redetermined Medically Frail by an MCO before the 6 months is up, their Medically Frail Status ends after the 6 months is over.