

Division of Mental Health Permanent Supportive Housing Bridge Subsidy Program
Definition of Homelessness for Round 1 of Implementation

In order to be considered homeless for purposes of eligibility for the first round of the Illinois Division of Mental Health's Permanent Supportive Housing Bridge Subsidy Program, a consumer must meet the following criteria:

A homeless individual or family who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. An episode is a separate, distinct and sustained stay on the streets and/or in an emergency homeless shelter. In defining the chronically homeless, the term "homeless" means a person or family residing in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter. In rural communities that utilize hotel/motel vouchers in lieu of emergency shelter, individuals making use of such vouchers are considered eligible under this program only if the hotel/motel stay is time limited and funded by a third party.