





# Housing Eligibility & Referrals – ACDHS Portal Job Aid

The *ACDHS Portal* allows staff to enter information about a Consumer to determine their eligibility across a variety of housing programs as well as initiating an LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral if necessary.

## Housing Eligibility & Referrals

## Navigation

1. Assessing Housing Eligibility:
  - a. From the ACDHS Portal home screen: Click on .
2. Initiating an LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral:
  - a. From the ACDHS Portal home screen: Click "Continue with LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral" on the *Housing Eligibility* tile.
3. Navigating from within MH Residential: Clicking on the MH Residential logo  will navigate the user back to the ACDHS Portal home screen and the *Housing Eligibility* tile. The ACDHS Portal home screen can also be reached by selecting "Return to Portal" from the User Menu in the top-right corner of every screen.



## Assessing Housing Eligibility

1. Click [Check Eligibility](#) to open the **Housing Eligibility Calculator** screen:

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### Housing Eligibility Calculator

**Consumer Details**  
Enter information on the person that is interested in different Housing Eligibility options

Date of Birth \* **A**

Current Residence Type \* **B**

Household Size \* **C**

Household Annual Median Income \*\* **D**

Disability \* **E**

Type of Health Insurance \* **F**

Other Health Insurance Type \*\*

Previously served in the military? \* **G**

Does the applicant require onsite support to manage day-to-day activities successfully in the community? \* **H**

Cancel [Review Eligibility](#)

\* Denotes required field  
\*\* Denotes conditionally mandatory field

- a. *Date of Birth*: Enter the Consumer's date of birth.
- b. *Current Residence Type*: Select the residence type from the drop-down that best describes the Consumer's current living situation.
- c. *Household Size*: Enter the size of the household by selecting from the drop-down.
- d. *Household Annual Median Income*: Enter the median annual income of the household. If the income is unknown, check the ☐ *Unknown* checkbox.
- e. *Disability*: Select the type of disability that applies to the Consumer from the drop-down.
- f. *Type of Health Insurance* and *Other Health Insurance Type*: Select the Consumer's health insurance(s) from the multi-select drop-down. If "Other – Please Specify" is one of the selections, enter the name of that insurance in the *Other Health Insurance Type* field.



- g. *Previously served in the military?*: Answer whether or not the Consumer previously served in the military by selecting "Yes" or "No".
- h. *Does the applicant require onsite support to manage day-to-day activities successfully in the community?*: Answer whether or not the Consumer requires onsite support in order to manage day-to-day activities in the community by selecting "Yes" or "No".

2. Click **Review Eligibility** to access the results.  
Clicking **Cancel** will navigate back to the ACDHS Portal home screen.

## Reviewing and Comparing the Results

1. Click **Review Eligibility** to access the results.

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### Housing Eligibility

Eligibility Results  
Need to change information? [Modify Response](#)

The consumer may be eligible for the following programs based on their information. [Back to Home](#)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mental Health Residential</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Add to Compare	Allegheny County Department of Human Services 412-350-4457	<b>Start Referral</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Allegheny Link</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Add to Compare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>By phone: 1-866-730-2368</li><li>By walking-in: Allegheny Link, One Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222</li><li>By email: <a href="mailto:alleghenylink@alleghenycounty.us">alleghenylink@alleghenycounty.us</a></li><li>By fax: 412-350-3834</li><li>Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM</li></ul>	Contact for More Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>PA Serves</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Add to Compare	If you or a veteran you know could benefit from services please call 1-855-838-7744. You can also visit the website and request assistance online at <a href="http://www.paserves.org">www.paserves.org</a>	Contact for More Information

**Compare**

- a. Returning to the *Housing Eligibility Calculator*: Click [Modify Response](#) to make changes to the information entered.
- b. Returning to the ACDHS Portal home screen: Click [Back to Home](#) to return to the home screen.
2. Compare Programs:
- a. To compare various programs check the ☒ **Add to Compare** checkbox next to the desired programs.
- b. Click **Compare** to get an in-depth comparison of the selected programs.



3. *Compare Programs:*

The screenshot displays the 'Compare Programs' interface within the ACDHS Portal. At the top, the portal's header includes the Allegheny County logo and the text 'ACDHS Portal DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA'. Below the header, a user profile for 'Jane Smith' is visible. Navigation links for '< Back to Eligibility Results' and '< Back to Home' are present. The main content area is a table titled 'Compare Programs' with three columns: 'Mental Health Residential', 'Allegheny Link', and 'PA Serves'. The table rows are labeled 'Description', 'Who Primarily For', 'Services Provided', and 'Contact Information'. Each row is followed by a dashed line indicating a separator. At the bottom of the table, there is a 'Start Referral' button.

- All of the selected programs are presented side-by-side with the following information: a description of the program, who the program is primarily for, what services are provided, and program contact information.
- Returning to the Eligibility Results: Click [<Back to Eligibility Results](#) where different or additional programs can be selected to compare.
- Returning to the ACDHS Portal home screen: Click [<Back to Home](#) to return to the home screen.



## Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR) or Specialized Residence (SR) Referral

1. The LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral can be accessed in several ways:

- a. From the **Eligibility Results** or the **Compare Programs** screens:

If the *Eligibility Results* include MH Residential the screen will include the [Start Referral](#) button which can be clicked to start the LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral process.

- b. From the ACDHS Portal home screen: Click Continue with LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral on the *Housing Eligibility* tile to start the LTSR or Specialized Residence Referral process.

2. **Consumer Information:** The LTSR or Specialized Residence referral starts with entering the Consumer's basic information.

- a. *First Name and Last Name*: Enter the Consumer's first and last name.
- b. *Middle Name*: If known, enter the Consumer's middle name.



- c. **SSN:** If known, enter the Consumer's social security name (SSN).
- d. **Legal Sex:** Select the Consumer's legal sex from the drop-down.

3. Click **Save and Next** to continue on to MH Residential.  
Clicking **Cancel** to leave the **Consumer Information** screen and navigate back to the ACDHS Portal home screen. Information entered will not be saved.

## Client Search

1. Click **Save and Next** to continue on to MH Residential. The *Client Search* pop-up will open.
2. If there is already a Referral for this Consumer, that information will appear in the *Search Results* grid. In this instance, a new referral cannot be created and the **Create New Referral** button will be disabled.

▼ Search Results

Create New Referral

Search :

▲ MCI ID	▲ MCI % Match	▲ Referral ID	▲ Client	▲ Client DOB	▲ Client SSN	▲ Status	▲ Assigned Worker	▲ Referral Date
1000859106	91	<a href="#">55818</a>	Susie Sunshine	01/02/1995	XXX-XX-5641	Pending	Kimberley Falk	05/19/2017

Show  entries

First Previous  Next Last



3. If there are no other current Referrals for the Consumer a new Referral can be created.

**Client Search**

Search was performed and no results were found

**Client Search Criteria**

Client Last Name :  Client First Name :

Client DOB :  Client SSN :

Legal Gender :  ☒

**Search Results**

Search :

MCI ID	MCI % Match	Referral ID	Client	Client DOB	Client SSN	Status	Assigned Worker	Referral Date
No data available in table								

Show  entries

- a. Click  to continue.
- b. Clicking  will close the *Client Search* pop-up without creating a new Referral.
- c. The *Search Results* can be narrowed down by adding additional information to the *Client Search Criteria* such as the Consumer's social security number (SSN). Click  to re-run the search.

**Completing the Referral:**

For information on completing the next step in the Referral, go to the **Individual Info – MH Residential Job Aid** to begin.

**For more information...**

For assistance, please contact the Allegheny County Service Desk at [ServiceDesk@AlleghenyCounty.US](mailto:ServiceDesk@AlleghenyCounty.US) or call 412-350-HELP (4357). Select Option 2 for the DHS Service Desk.

To access I-Service, go to: <https://servicedesk.alleghenycounty.us>

This and other Job Aids can be found at: <http://s3.amazonaws.com/dhs-application-support/index.htm> or <http://dhsassist.dhs.allegheny.local> for internal users.