

Medical Respite Eligibility & Referral Pathways

Medical Respite programs provide a safe place for people experiencing homelessness to recover after a hospital stay. Connect with your local program to determine if medical respite is the best next step for your patient.



Who to Refer: Patient Eligibility



Candidates for Medical Respite Care:

- Experiencing homelessness
- Primary diagnosis is medical
- Secondary behavioral health diagnoses are stable
- Has an acute medical need, including chronic association
- Independent with Activities of Daily Living



Patients Requiring a Different Form of Care:

- Requires long-term supportive nursing care
- Primary diagnosis is behavioral health
- Active suicidal/homicidal ideation
- All acute and chronic conditions are stable
- Cannot participate in shared recovery spaces

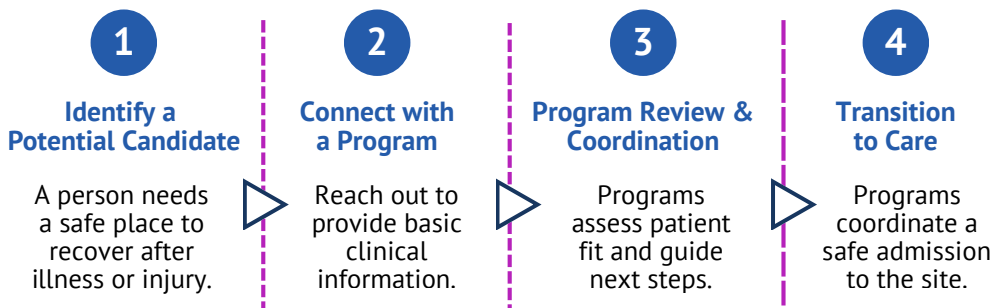


Why Medical Respite Matters:

Medical respite provides a safe place to recover with dignity, helping people heal, **reducing avoidable readmissions**, and **disrupting the cycle of homelessness** by connecting people to ongoing care and next steps for support.

How to Refer: Process Overview

While each medical respite program's referral process may vary slightly, most referrals follow these general steps:



Have Questions? Ready to Make a Referral?



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