

WHO RUNS RTHP?

RTHP is funded by the **New York State Department of Health**.

The New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL), through a contract with the New York State Department of Health, is administering the **Rapid Transition Housing Program**.

NYAIL has contracted with Independent Living Centers (ILCs) in four areas of the state (Long Island, Greater Syracuse Region, New York City and Rochester) to staff Housing Specialists and Independent Living Specialists who assist people with disabilities in obtaining safe, sanitary, accessible, and sustainable housing. The Housing Specialists can be a resource to landlords and management companies in working with tenants in RTHP, to help them succeed in the community.



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**RAPID TRANSITION
HOUSING PROGRAM**



WHAT IS THE RAPID TRANSITION HOUSING PROGRAM?

The **Rapid Transition Housing Program (RTHP)** provides a rental subsidy for high-cost, high-need Medicaid members. This rental subsidy is intended to help individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid and identified as a homeless high-utilizer by a hospital, managed care organization, medical respite, performing provider system, or skilled nursing facility.

RTHP ensures that people with disabilities can afford accessible, safe, sanitary, and sustainable housing in the community. Under RTHP, each participant is assigned a Housing Specialist (HS) and Independent Living Specialist (ILS) who assist in locating and subsidizing housing, as well as help get needed services and supports in place to ensure success in their new home. RTHP also assists with community transitional services, which include security deposits, moving expenses, utility payments, and household establishment purchases.

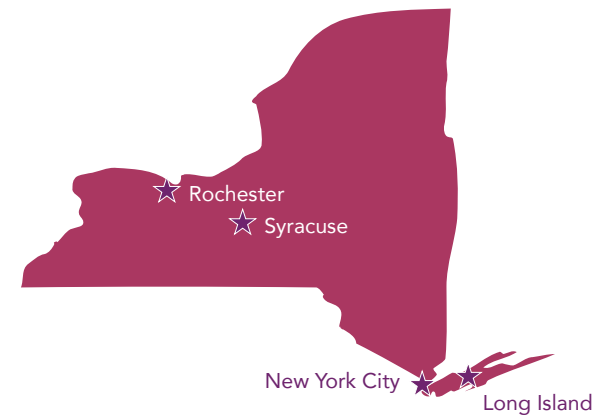
RTHP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in Medicaid and have one or more documented chronic physical disabilities, and have two or more chronic conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes)
- Be referred as a homeless high-utilizer* by a hospital, managed care organization, medical respite, performing provider system, or skilled nursing facility.

*Defined as:

1. Having two or more inpatient stays in the past 12 months; or
2. Having five or more emergency department (ED) visits in the past 12 months; or
3. Be within the top 20% of Medicaid recipients' spending relative to the county of fiscal responsibility and target populations parameters (e.g., an asthma recipient in Westchester has base period spending of more than 80% of the asthma Medicaid population in that county).



HOW TO ENROLL

Referrals for the Rapid Transition Housing Program (RTHP) can be made by the following:

- Hospitals
- Managed Care Organizations
- Medical Respites
- Performing Provider Systems
- Skilled Nursing Facilities

Referral forms can be found on our website at www.ilny.org.

Priority will be given to those who are awaiting an organ transplant and need emergency housing to meet waitlist requirements.

The individual will be contacted directly by an RTHP Housing Specialist for eligibility screening and enrollment.