

HUD/VASH
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HUD/VASH Partner Agencies

Bedford VAMC

**Department of Housing and Community
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Chelmsford Housing Authority**

Boston VAMC

**Boston Housing Authority
Cambridge Housing Authority
Braintree Housing Authority
Worcester Housing Authority**

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Providence, RI VAMC

New Bedford Housing Authority



What is HUD/VASH?

- A joint program between the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides housing and case management services.
- VA Medical Centers (VAMC) provide:
 - Full range long term clinical and case management services
- The Public Housing Agencies (PHA) provide:
 - Housing assistance in the form of a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher.

Who is eligible for HUD/VASH?

Referral to HUD/VASH is through the **VAMC Homeless Services Program** at the participating VAMC. **Veterans must be VA Eligible.**

- HUD/VASH participation will be available to veterans – both individuals and families - who meet VAMC health care eligibility and are “homeless.”
- Participants must be homeless veterans who have been: 1) living on the streets; 2) in emergency shelters; 3) referred from McKinney-Vento funded transitional housing programs; 4) referred from other VA homeless residential programs; or are 5) veterans who will be evicted within a week from a private dwelling *or* who will be discharged within a week from an institution where the veteran has been a resident for more than 30 or more consecutive days, *and* where no suitable, affordable housing has been identified
- Veterans must agree to accept case management services and actively follow an established

treatment regime over a period of time determined by their VAMC case manager.

How does the Voucher help with housing?

- The Housing Choice Voucher provides a rent subsidy that generally covers rental costs in excess of 30% of the veteran’s income.

Process:

- The Public Housing Agency (PHA) will verify the veteran’s income, issue the voucher, and meet with the veteran and their HUD/VASH case manager to explain how the program works.
- The Case Manager will assist the veteran in locating suitable rental housing in a city or town of the veteran’s choice, provided it is located within reasonable distance (generally one hour) of the VAMC.
- The PHA will inspect the apartment to make sure it is in good condition.
- If the landlord agrees to lease the apartment to the veteran, and it meets the standards of their Case Manager, the landlord and the veteran sign the lease.
- The veteran, assisted by their Case Manager, moves into the apartment.
- The Veteran continues to receive services from their Case Manager.