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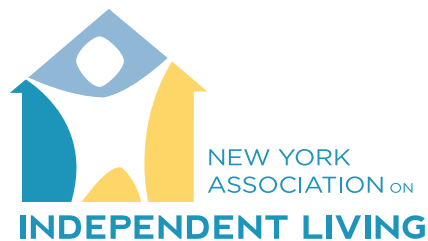
The program is funded by the New York State Medicaid Redesign Team. Administration is provided by the New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) through a contract with the New York State Department of Health.

NYAIL has contracted with Independent Living Centers (ILCs) statewide to staff Housing Specialists that work directly with people in the program. The Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) acts as the Fiscal Intermediary that disburses payments to landlords.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Contact us with your questions. Call us at 518.465.4650 or email us at info@ilny.org.

The New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) is a statewide, not-for-profit membership association created by and composed of Independent Living Centers across New York State. The association operates programs in partnership with ILCs.



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WHAT IS OHS?

A rental housing subsidy program that provides transitional housing support to Medicaid beneficiaries with a disability that have lived, or currently live in a nursing home.

The program is modeled after the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) subsidy in that individuals are required to pay 30% of their monthly income, less allowances.

NYAIL is partnering with ILCs to staff Housing Specialists across the state to provide outreach and assist eligible individuals with enrollment.

BENEFITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN OHS

- You pay 30% of your monthly income, less allowances, toward rent.
- At least a one-year lease.
- Housing in the community of your choice.
- An assigned Housing Specialist helps find housing and works with the landlord.
- Assistance with security deposits, moving expenses, utility start-up payments, household establishment purchases, etc. through Community Transition Services (CTS).



WHO QUALIFIES AS A RENTAL SUBSIDY PARTICIPANT IN OHS?

- People age 55+ OR age 18+ with a documented chronic disability.
- Enrolled in Medicaid.
- Able to live safely in the community.
- Living in a Skilled Nursing Facility for at least 120 consecutive days.
- Spent at least 120 consecutive days in a nursing home over the most recent 2-year period.

YOUR FIRST STEP TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN OHS

Complete an OHS Referral Form

Contact your local or regional ILC provider by email or phone for assistance.

**A directory of ILCs with
Housing Specialists is available at:
www.ilny.org/programs/ohs**

REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDLORDS AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

- Rent must be at or below fair market rent for your area, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- A Housing Specialist facilitates your relationship with the tenant. You can contact them at any time with concerns.
- Landlords may collect a security deposit from the program.
- Landlords are permitted to screen tenants. All program participants are pre-screened.
- Receive 30% of the rent from the participant and the remainder from OHS, on-time, as required by the program.
- OHS is a no-cost option to market your accessible apartment. Housing Specialists across the state are always looking for apartments accessible for people with disabilities.
- Landlords are required to submit an IRS W-9 form, Certificate of Occupancy, and insurance information.

YOUR FIRST STEP TO LIST YOUR RENTAL UNITS IN OHS

Contact your local or regional ILC provider by email or phone.