

## **CIRCULAR**

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**To:** Program Managers

**Subject:** **Supporting Homelessness Strategy – Duplicate Rent**

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Effective immediately, Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) will not recover duplicate rent payments for participants supported through the Your Way Home strategy. This change is intended to remove barriers to housing stability as individuals transition between housing types.

In January 2025, government announced Your Way Home, a strategy to end chronic homelessness by moving people out of encampments and into permanent housing. The strategy moves people from encampments into transitional housing units operated by non-profit organizations that provide wrap around supports. Examples include Siloam Mission, Main Street Project and Sunshine House.

The housing operators will contact EIA staff when a participant is moving in and out of a housing facility supported through the Your Way Home Strategy.

When participants move from transitional housing to social housing or private market rental, they may require duplicate rent due to timing and logistical factors. Typically, EIA treats duplicate rent as an overpayment; however, this will not apply to individuals supported under the encampment strategy to avoid creating additional barriers to ongoing housing stability.

**This policy only applies during that month in which a participant moves with the support of the Your Way Home Strategy.**