



What is Serenity Court Homeless Medical Respite?

Serenity Court Homeless Medical Respite, a program of Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC), offers post-acute medical care for individuals experiencing homelessness on the streets or in an emergency shelter who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness, surgery or injury.

Serenity Court, the only homeless medical respite in the City, provides:

- A 20-bed dignified facility for rest and recuperation.
- Case management - including but not limited to obtaining identification such as birth certificates, non-driver's license, food stamp applications, health insurance and social security/disability.
- Medication management, follow-up appointments, and linkage to primary care and other PHMC resources.
- Comprehensive residential services to access the most optimal available post respite housing.

Benefits of Serenity Court Homeless Medical Respite

Individuals experiencing homelessness are less likely to be readmitted to a hospital for several months after a stay at a medical respite like Serenity Court, resulting in better health outcomes for the individual and cost savings for hospitals, insurance companies and the community.

What is the referral process and who is eligible for Serenity Court Homeless Medical Respite?

The referral process is simple and eligibility is determined within minutes of the initial phone call:

- The patient must be experiencing homelessness.
- The patient must be independent in Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). Individuals with ADL limitations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- The patient is an unaccompanied adult eighteen or older.
- The patient requires post-acute recuperative care. If approved, patients in need of a colonoscopy may utilize the respite to prepare the day before.
- All patients will be screened for their ability to live safely in a communal setting.
- The patient will be discharged with minimally 5 day supply of medications.
- Referrals are accepted.
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Evenings & Weekends: Only with prior approval of Serenity Court Management.

If you think your patient meets the criteria or you are interested in becoming a contracted hospital, please feel free to contact us at:

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Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) is a nonprofit public health institute with a mission to improve the health of the community based health promotion. PHMC is one of the largest and most comprehensive public health organizations in the nation with more than 350 programs providing direct resources and care to its community.

The PHMC Health Care for the Homeless program provides high-quality, trauma informed, patient-centered care for men, women and children experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. The program is coordinated with PHMC's Mary Howard Health Center and the entire PHMC health network, providing primary and behavioral health care and comprehensive social services to meet the complex needs of this vulnerable population.

PHMC's Medical Respite is a member of the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council's Respite Care Provider's Network.