Hello,

In an effort to better serve individuals with complex needs, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is releasing a Request for Information with responses due to the department by 9/27.

DHS is seeking feedback on various models of long-term care to best serve individuals with complex needs. This population is defined as individuals whose clinical or behavioral conditions, or personal history, create challenges in securing housing and services. They are a diverse group with a variety of needs. The most common example of individuals who fall within the target population are those transitioning from corrections facilities and who need long-term care support, may have a history of violence or sex offenses, or may exhibit severe behavioral health conditions. Common characteristics of this population include:

- Behavioral health characteristics that may limit opportunities for placement;
- Sex or violent offender status;
- Felony convictions;
- Barriers to certain types of public housing;
- One-to-one or two-to-one staffing requirements;
- Medical Assistance long-term care eligibility;
- Physical disabilities; or
- Limited to no independence relating to activities of daily living.

If you or your organization has information that it wishes to share on this subject, DHS would appreciate hearing from you.

The <u>posted RFI can be found online here</u>.