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## DAUPHIN COUNTY MH/A/DP PROGRAM HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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**Title:** HAP Case Management for Returning Clients

**Policy:** Dauphin County requires that clients who return for rental assistance must participate in case management and make progress on their goal plan prior to receiving assistance.

## **Definitions:**

Case Management: collaborative process that assesses, plans, implements, coordinates, monitors and evaluates the options and services required to meet the client's health and human service needs.

**Goal Plan:** document that a case manager develops with a client that identifies the goals the client will work on while in the program and has established timeframes for completion of each goal.

**HAP Client:** any individual/household that has been deemed eligible for HAP services and enrolled in a program.

**HAP Providers:** all providers/agencies that are under contract with Dauphin County to provide HAP services.

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**Returning HAP Client:** an individual/household that has received rental assistance no less than 24 months and no more than 48 months ago and is requesting assistance again.

## Procedure:

- 1. A Returning HAP Client will be assigned to a HAP Provider case manager who will work with the client to develop a goal plan that addresses barriers to maintaining housing.
- 2. The HAP Client will be given a reasonable timeframe, considering factors such as potential eviction, to achieve the goal(s) in their plan.
- 3. Once the HAP Client has achieved an acceptable number of goals, then the financial assistance can be issued.
- 4. If the HAP Client does not achieve any goals, then financial assistance cannot be provided.
- 5. Case Management will continue to be provided to the client for a minimum of 30 days following the assistance.