**MRT Supportive Housing Initiative**

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) was awarded a grant by the [**New York State Department of Health**](https://www.health.ny.gov/) **(NYSDOH)** to conduct an evaluation to assess the implementation, impact, effectiveness and cost savings of a [**Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Supportive Housing Initiative**](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/supportive_housing_initiatives.htm).

NYSDOH launched the MRT Supportive Housing Initiative, a pilot program to identify best practices, procedures and methods for supportive housing providers to collaborate with Health Homes to identify and locate homeless or unstably housed Health Home members and to provide housing as a means to facilitate access to health services and improve the health status of Health Home members.

Evaluation & Research

CHSR was contracted by NYSDOH to lead an evaluation team to evaluate and report on the impact, effectiveness, and cost savings of the MRT Supportive Housing initiative. The evaluation team consisted of CHSR, the [**Institute for Health Systems Evaluation (at the UAlbany School of Public Health)**](https://www.albany.edu/sph/institute-for-health-system-evaluation.php), and [**CARES, Inc.**](http://caresny.org/) The evaluation included a process study, a cost study, and a study of quality-of-life outcomes for program participants.