**Section 145.200 Transition Assistance Funds Provided Under PSH/Bridge Subsidy Model and Housing is Recovery Pilot Program Model**

a) DMH may provide one-time Transition Assistance Funds (TAF), identified as a set amount to be used solely for the purpose of assisting individuals who are in the process of moving into a PSH unit that has a secured lease. These funds are to provide basic move-in expenses, obtain basic household items, pre-approved by DMH, in addition to the payment of security deposit and utility connection fees, excluding arrearages.

b) TAF are processed by the designated DHS-DMH contracted Service Provider and released to the Care Manager upon receipt of supporting documentation approved by the respective DMH program staff. TAF are restricted in use, only available to DHS-DMH contacted Service Providers as specified in their contacts, and may only be applied for the purpose of assisting the tenant in transitioning and moving into a PSH unit. Responsibility for appropriate expenditure of TAF rests with the DHS-DMH contracted Service Provider. The tenant, family members and guardians shall have no access to these funds.

c) TAF shall be accessed and approved through an established DMH process. TAF cannot be used to pay arrearages.

d) TAF may be utilized for items including, but not limited to:

1) Security deposits;

2) Unit application fees;

3) Utility activation deposits;

4) Furniture;

5) Bedding;

6) Small appliances; and

7) Cleaning equipment and supplies.

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