



HHS Chairs: Housing and Homelessness

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Turn to the person next to you and share:

- Your name
- Your state
- What challenges your state or community is facing related to housing or homelessness



Pair & Share!

The state's role is growing rapidly

- 2019 → Legislators in **38** states and **D.C.** introduced **283** bills
- 2021 → Legislators in **49** states and **D.C.** introduced **1,416** bills

Six-fold increase in two years



Housing

A growing trend among state legislatures

Housing = Health

- Housing instability can adversely impact psychological well-being.
- Environmental factors are correlated with poor health.
- Cost-burdened = spending more than 30% income on housing.
- Physical and social characteristics can impact health outcomes.



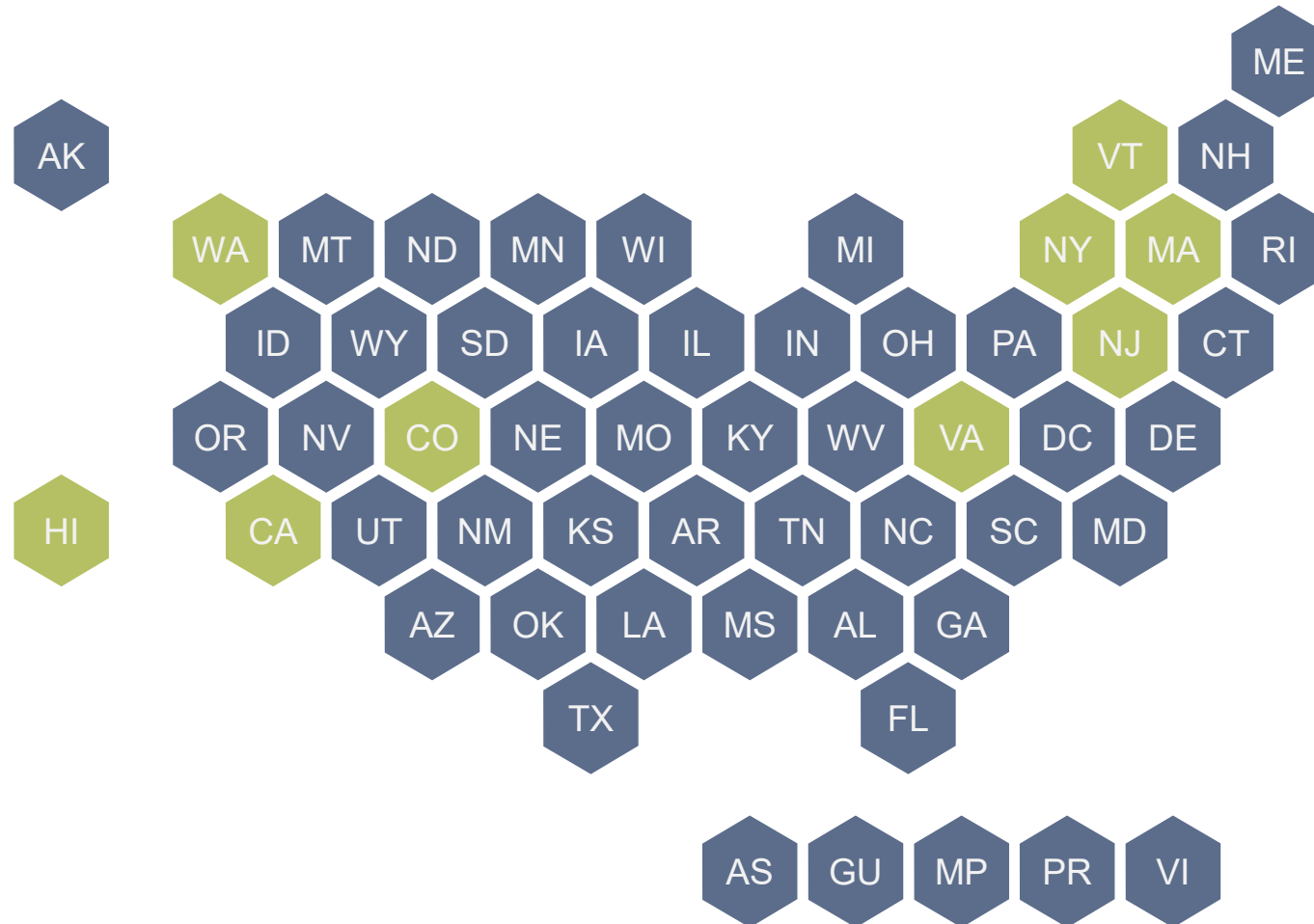
Source: Housing and Health: An Overview of the Literature, Health Affairs (2018)

- Combines affordable housing assistance with wrap-around services for people experiencing homelessness.
 - Non-time-limited
 - Voluntary
 - Safe and affordable
 - Community-based
- Outcomes:
 - Increased housing stability
 - Improved health outcomes
 - Lower public costs



Supportive Housing

Nine states have introduced 19 bills on supportive housing in 2022.



State Perspectives: Colorado and Georgia



Zac Schaffner

Colorado Department of Local Affairs



Maxwell Ruppensburg

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
and Developmental Disabilities



Four Corners

Choose a subtopic and join a corner!

Front Left: Medicaid Reimbursement

- What can Medicaid reimburse? How have states approached reimbursement for housing-related services?

Front Right: ARPA Funds

- How have states allocated funding for supportive housing? What will happen when ARPA funding ends?

Back Left: Engaging Stakeholders

- Who should be at the table to discuss supportive housing? How can you work across agencies and sectors to achieve common goals?

Back Right: Opioid Settlements

- How are states ensuring funds from opioid legal settlements are put toward opioid prevention and treatment? Where does housing fit in?



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