



HSS Termination Public Comment Summary

DHS conducted a public comment period from Aug. 21 through Sept. 20, 2025, regarding the State Plan Amendment to terminate the Housing Stabilization Services program. During that time period, DHS received a total of 213 unique public comments.

The majority of commentors objected to the termination of HSS and provided feedback around the positive impact the program has had in addressing homelessness and housing stability. The majority of commentors acknowledged concern about program integrity and fraud, but they requested that the state find an alternative to program termination while expressing support for the benefit and the support it provides.

Commentors included HSS enrollees, community members, and staff from Tribal Nations, counties, HSS providers, partner organizations (such as coalitions, professional networks and advocacy groups), housing authorities, and others. Staff roles included waiver case managers, care coordinators, housing coordinators, and organizational leadership positions.

Those commentors who objected to program termination often noted the negative impact that program termination would have on individuals living with a disability and experiencing homelessness or housing instability. These concerns included comments related to the suddenness of the termination. Many commentors requested that the State develop robust support transition and coordination with counties if the program is terminated. DHS has posted a list of alternative resources and supports that may be available to impacted individuals: [Housing resources / Minnesota Department of Human Services](#).

Some commentors (less than 5%) supported full program termination.

DHS acknowledges the feedback provided by commentors; however, due to the pervasive fraud taking place throughout the program, the agency has proceeded with submitting the state plan amendment seeking federal termination of the program on Oct. 31, 2025. The agency's intention to redesign and relaunch the program with improved program integrity tools is supported by the public comments sharing how HSS, when ethically provided, reduces the harm and trauma caused by homelessness and housing instability, increases health and stability for individuals in need of support, and is a vital component to community's homelessness response services.

Many commentors provided feedback about how a redesigned and relaunched program could be improved, and this feedback will be incorporated into the redesign work.