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Mr. John Lozier
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Dear Mr. Lozier:

Thank you for your letter of March 27, 2012, requesting the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provide further guidance regarding the recognition of permanent supportive housing under the Health Care for the Homeless Program.

As noted in your letter, language was included in the applicable conference reports for the FY 2012 Appropriations Act, which allows Health Care for the Homeless grantees flexibility to count residents of permanent supportive housing or other housing programs that are targeted towards homeless populations, but do not limit the length of stay as "homeless" for the purposes of their funding requirement to target the "homeless" as a medically underserved population.

HRSA plans to issue official guidance on this subject shortly. Please feel free to consider the legislative language in the Appropriations Act as sufficient to proceed accordingly with your technical assistance activities.

We appreciate your support of the Health Center Program and your commitment to underserved homeless populations across the country.

Sincerely,

James Macrae
Associate Administrator