

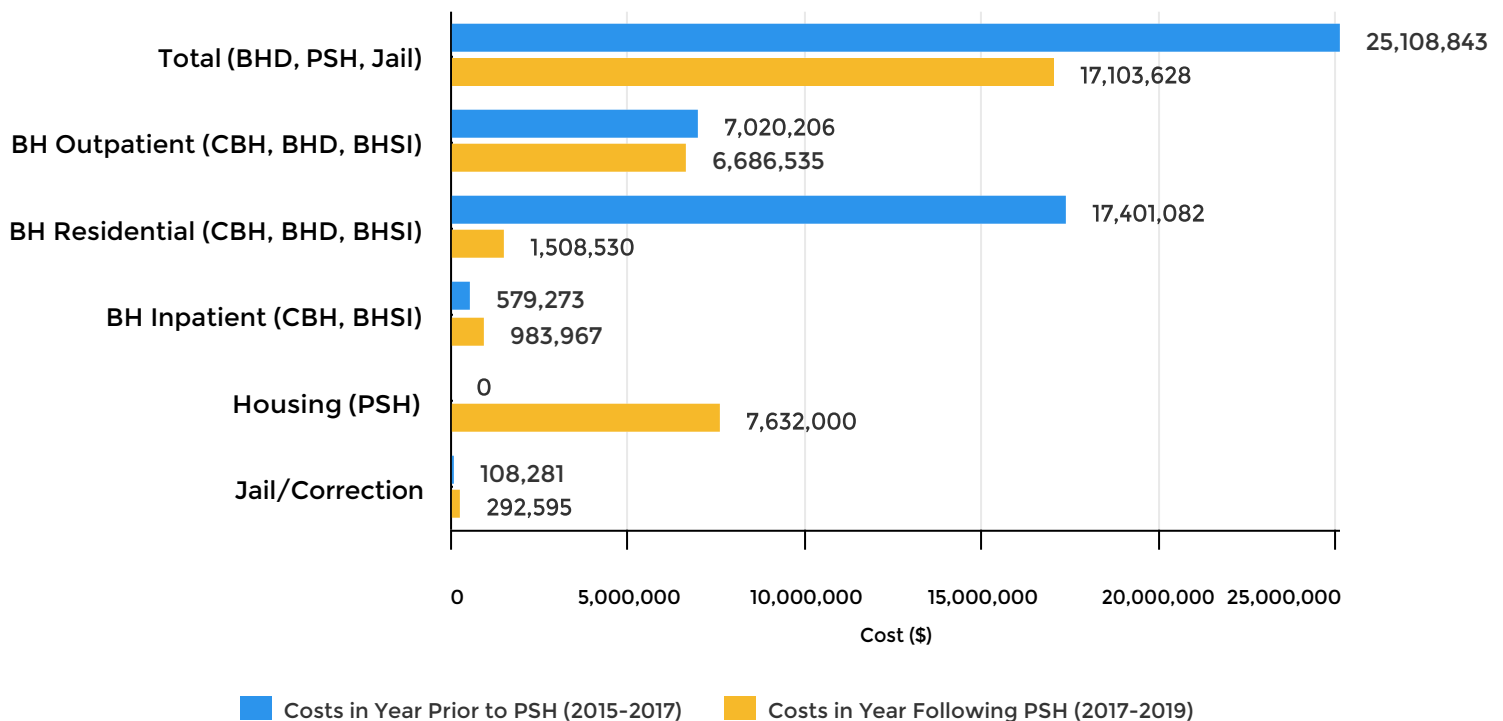
Permanent Supported Housing (PSH) A Cost-Saving Study

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Background

- This evaluation examined the cost-savings of providing permanent supported housing (PSH) to 636 Medicaid-eligible adults in Philadelphia who used services from Community Behavioral Health (CBH), DBHIDS Behavioral Health Division (BHD), and DBHIDS Behavioral Health Special Initiative (BHSI) and received a PSH lease between 2016 and 2018.
- Individuals were referred from a variety of sources, e.g., 21% shelter, 20% Safe Haven, 18% Journey of Hope, etc. The hypothesis was that PSH would result in savings to the Medicaid program as well as other social service systems.

Annual Cost-savings for 636 Medicaid individuals in PSH between 2016 and 2018



* Outpatient and inpatient are categorized based on CBH level of care. Residential is identified using clinical category.

**Efforts to obtain shelter and Medicaid Physical Health service and cost data continue.

Practice & Policy Implications

There was a dramatic annual reduction of \$8 million in total cost for CBH members who received supported housing. This was primarily driven by less utilization of residential treatment. This suggests that the foremost need for this population is PSH rather than facility-based behavioral health treatment.