

# HB101 Places Housing Provider User Guide

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#### Introduction

Housing Support Providers use HB101 Places to enter, update, and maintain housing inventory. Housing Support Providers have Housing Support agreement with their local County or Tribal Government. This user guide provides instructions and guidance on the use of HB101 Places.

#### What Is HB101 Places?

HB101 Places is a statewide online search tool for Housing Support vacancies. Users can browse housing types, filter by specific services, and view a list of openings. Housing openings include known services, programs, facilities, agencies, or organizations. Currently, HB101 Places includes Adult Foster Care, Board and Lodge, Assisted Living, and Site-Based Supportive Housing programs throughout the state of Minnesota.

HB101 Places is integrated with Housing Benefits 101 (mn.hb101.org) and accessed from the navigation bar or content section.



HB101 Places serves:

 The general public, including individual housing-seekers, their advocates, and circles of support

- Housing Support providers, including organizational and site administrators, and
- Statewide administrators, including DHS staff.

The **general public** has quick and easy access to a list of vacant units available throughout the state. The search tool includes filters, and the housing listings detail contact information for additional information about the vacancy.

**Housing Support providers** have access to a provider dashboard. Providers manage Organization information and maintain housing programs available through the dashboard.

All Program and Unit information updates in real-time without a publication step or delay. Providers can also view Organization, Program, Unit, and Vacancy reports.

**Statewide administrators** view an administrative dashboard to add and remove organizations or programs, give provider account privileges, and make other changes. Administrators can view statewide Organization, Program, Unit, and Vacancy reports included in HB101 Places.

#### **User Access**

#### **Statewide Administrators**

Statewide Administrators have full access to user and facility records and reports. The profile allows the Administrator to:

- Create other Administrators
- Create and edit Organizations
- Create and authorize Housing Provider accounts associated with specific Organizations
- Create and edit Programs, Units, and Vacancies

#### **Housing Support Providers**

Housing Support providers are associated with specific Organizations. The Housing Provider account allows the provider to:

- Create additional Housing Provider accounts associated with the Organizations and Properties
- Edit Organization information
- Create and edit associated Programs, Units, and Vacancies

#### **General Public**

General Public users are individuals seeking housing. The General Public users can create an account with HB101 Places. Those with an account can save searches and filter sets. Those without an account can browse and search but do not have the ability to save or retrieve searches. General Public users can:

- Browse and filter property listings
- Save and restore filter sets, if logged into an account

#### **Creating a Housing Provider Account**

The Statewide Administrators will assign an Organization and provide privileges to Housing Providers for HB101 Places registration. The Housing Provider will then complete the following steps to create an account:

1. Open the HB101 Places site and click 'Register' from the top right-hand menu.



- 2. Register the provider email, create a password, and select the Organization Type. The password must be between 6 and 100 characters long with at least one special character that is not a letter or number.
- 3. Close the HB101 Places site to activate the provider account.
- 4. Return to HB101 Places and click 'Sign In' from the top right-hand menu.
- 5. Select 'Profile' from the top right-hand menu to see assigned roles and click 'Manage Roles' to make changes.





An HB101 account also includes My HB101 on the top right-hand menu or at the bottom of the page to easily save and find favorite HB101 pages. HB101 Vault stores files and plans housing activities.



#### **Data Hierarchy**

**Organizations** are companies or groups that own programs. An Organization can be national, statewide, regional, or could be limited to a single property. The customer side of the interface does not detail Organizations.

**Programs** are the housing opportunities, each operated by an Organization. A program may be a single house, a facility, or a group of buildings defined by a target population rather than location. For example, an Organization with a single building containing a women's shelter and an Adult Foster Care facility owns two Programs.

**Units** describe a residence type within a Program. Each type of residence for the program or facility has a different unit listed. HB101 Places does not list every room individually.

Vacancies are the available Units for each Program.



### **Housing Provider Dashboard**

The Housing Provider Dashboard appears in the banner area after logging into a Housing Provider account.

The Dashboard details the organization(s) or program(s) assigned to the user. Housing Providers are able to:

- Edit Programs to add details
- Manage contacts
- Add unit types and vacancies
- Add images
- Services





The Dashboard menu displays the number of Programs, Beds, and Vacancies on the top menu.

Note: The Beds column details the number of Units for each Program. The Vacancies column specifies the available Units.

#### **Adding a Program**

The diagram below details steps to add a program from the Provider Dashboard.

- 1. Add Program button to the right of the Program header.
- 2. Number of Vacancies available in a Program.
- 3. The user can mark the Program as a Favorite.
- 4. Details button at the bottom of each listing expands the information on the Program.



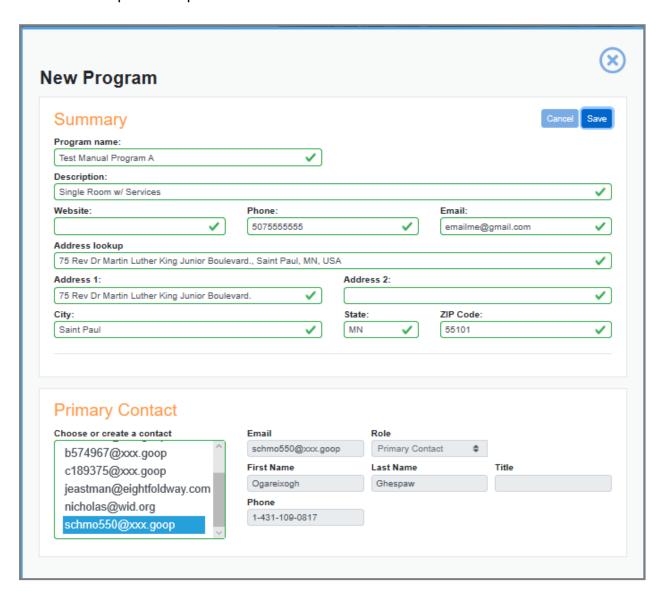
The user has the option to open the Program details on a new page (5) or open on a printer-friendly page (6).

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## **Adding/Editing Program Details**

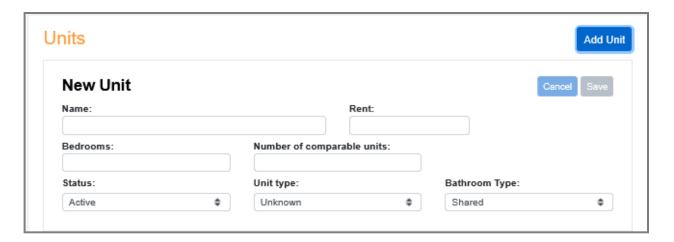
Click the 'Add Program' button (right of 'Programs' header) on the Dashboard. A new window will open. Complete the information and 'Save'.



## **Adding Units**

Information contained in this section:

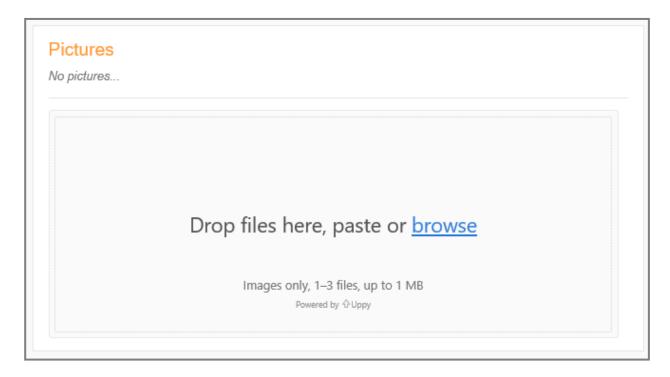
- Name
- Rent
- Bedrooms
- · Number of comparable units
- Status
- Active
- Inactive
- Retired
- Unit Type
- Unknown
- Own apartment
- Own room in facility
- Own room in shared apartment
- Shared room in the facility
- Shared room in shared apartment
- Private room in shared house
- Shared room in shared house
- Bathroom Type
- Shared
- Private



# **Adding Pictures**

Users can upload pictures and add captions using drop-in, paste, or browse for images for each Unit.

- Up to 3 images
- 1MB max



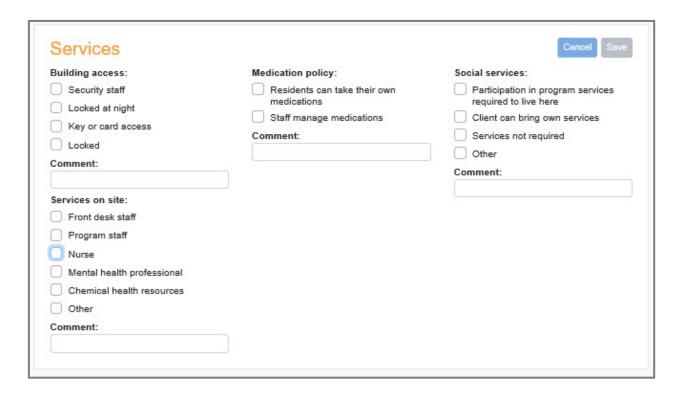
### **Adding/Editing Services**

Information contained in this section:

- Building access
  - Security staff
  - Locked at night
  - · Key or card access
  - Locked
- Medication policy
  - Residents can take their own medications
  - · Staff manage medications
- Social services
  - Participation in program services required to live here
  - Client can bring own services
  - Services not required
  - Other

- Services on site
  - · Front desk staff
  - Program staff
  - Nurse
  - Mental health professional
  - Chemical health resources
  - Other

The user can add additional comments for each section.

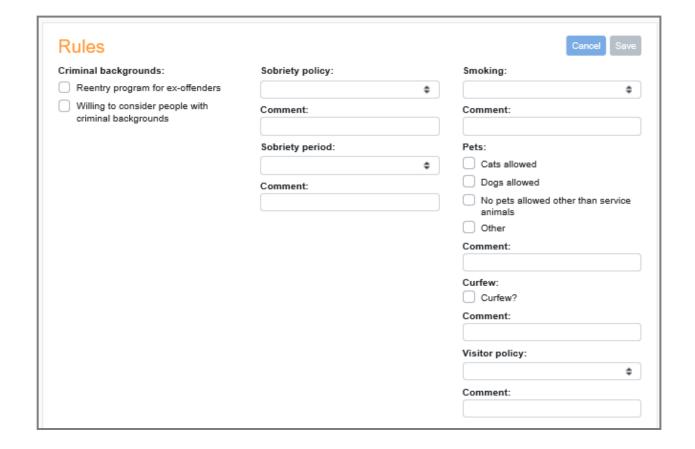


### **Adding/Editing Rules**

Information contained in this section:

- Criminal backgrounds
- Reentry program for ex-offenders
- · Willing to consider people with criminal backgrounds
- Sobriety policy
- · Totally sober housing
- Can drink off site but must be sober to return
- Can return after consumption
- · Can drink in housing
- Sobriety period
- Not required
- Required without testing
- Required with testing
- Smoking
- Allowed inside
- Allowed Outside
- Not allowed
- Pets
- Cats allowed
- Dogs allowed
- No pets other than service animals
- Other
- Curfew
- Visitor policy
- · Visitors allowed
- Visitors allowed with restrictions
- No visitors allowed

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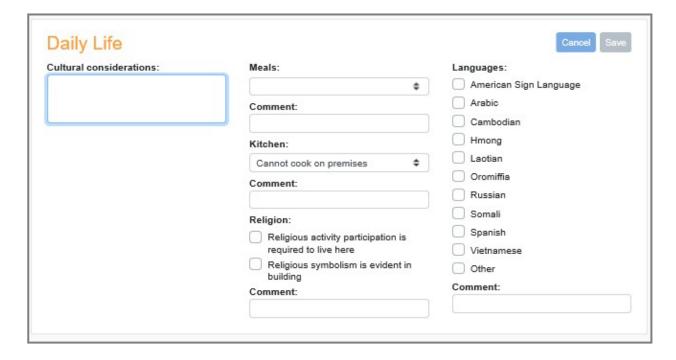
#### **Adding/Editing Daily Life**

Information contained in this section:

- Cultural considerations: this is a fillin text box
- Meals
  - Meals provided
  - Meals not provided
- Kitchen
  - Cannot cook on premises
  - Can cook in a shared kitchen
  - Can cook in kitchens in their units
- Religion
  - Religious activity participation is required to live here
  - Religious symbolism is evident in building

- Languages
  - American Sign Language
  - Arabic
  - Cambodian
  - Hmong
  - Laotian
  - Oromiffia
  - Russian
  - Somali
  - Spanish
  - Vietnamese
  - Other

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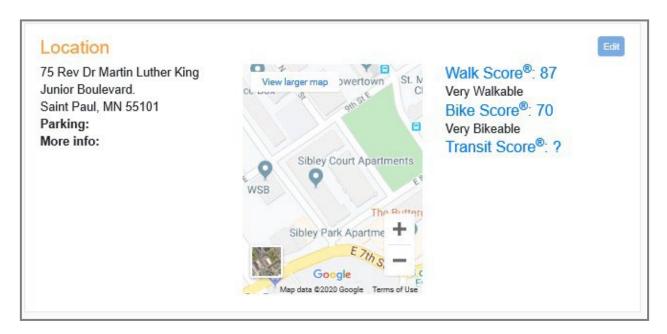
## **Adding/Editing Location**

Information contained in this section:

- Parking
- No parking
- Private parking
- Street parking
- Comment
- More information



The 'Location' will generate a Google map.



#### **Using HB101 Places**

This section details using **HB101 Places** to find housing connections with integrated services in Minnesota.

Quick Start is a set of questions to help an individual find potential housing.

Help Video is a quick how-to tutorial.

About HB101 Places provides basic information.

Filters narrow down the list of places around the state to match your needs.



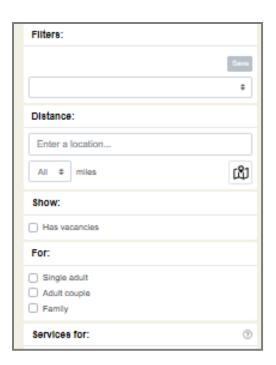
#### **Filters**

Filters are characteristics describing services and housing criteria. A user with an HB101 Places account may create a saved filter set detailing multiple filter options. The user can name and update the saved filter set at any time.

Filer options are:

- Distance
- Vacancies
- Program Type (Board and Lodge with or without services, Adult Foster Care)
- Family Unit (single, couple, and/or family)
- Services for type of disability and/or alcohol or chemical dependency
- · Services offered on site
- Criminal background considerations
- Sobriety and Smoking Restrictions
- Languages
- Pets Allowed
- Kitchen/Cooking Availability
- Building Access
- MA-Waivers

Filters are located on the left-hand menu.



# **Troubleshooting**

Please contact Housing Support Services for questions or additional information.

Housing Support Services: MNsupport@hb101places.com 1-855-333-8207