## **HEN and ABD Flow Chart**

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### 3a. HEN Track - Short-Term Disability

People are eligible for HEN if they meet the following criteria: 1) have a temporary physical or mental disability, 2) are unable to work for at least 90 days, 3) are 18 or older, 4) have a monthly income below \$339/month or 35% FPL, and 5) are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

# 4a. Housing & Essential Needs Program

HEN provides rental assistance, utility assistance, and basic need items through essential need banks to recipients. In SFY 2014, an average of 4,212 people/month received assistance through HEN; 64% had a mental illness.

### 7. State Leverages Federal SSI Recovery

The state receives a reimbursement for 100% of the cost of the ABD cash grant when ABD recipients transfer to SSI. Approximately 75% of disabled ABD recipients transfer to SSI, so the state is able to leverage significant federal resources and support vulnerable individuals.

### 1. DSHS Community Service Office

Individuals apply for HEN/ABD at local DSHS CSO offices or online.

#### 2. Incapacity Evaluation

The severity of individuals' disabilities and their ability to work are evaluated by DSHS.

#### 3b. ABD Track - Permanent Disability

People with disabilities are eligible for ABD if they meet the following criteria: 1) have a permanent physical or mental disability and are likely to meet the federal SSI incapacity definition, 2) are permanently unable to work, 3) have a monthly income below \$339/month or 35% FPL, and 4) are 18 or older.

Elderly immigrants are eligible for ABD if they meet the following criteria: 1) are documented immigrants, but aren't yet eligible for federal benefits, 2) are 65 or older, and 3) have a monthly income below \$339/month or 35% FPL.

### 4b. Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Program

ABD provides a \$197 monthly cash grant to recipients to help pay for basic needs, such has rent, utilities, personal hygiene items, and transportation. ABD provides assistance to over 23,000 people per month, including 4,200 elderly immigrants. ABD's elderly immigrants also receive health coverage through the Medical Care Services (MCS) program. 70% of ABD recipients have a mental illness.

# **5. Presumptive SSI Track**

In addition to the monthly cash grant, disabled ABD recipients receive SSI application assistance from DSHS and health coverage through Presumptive SSI Medicaid. The SSI application process is a complex, multi-year process, so this assistance is critical.

#### 6. Federal SSI

Once accepted to the federal SSI program, individuals receive a \$733/month cash grant and health coverage through Classic Medicaid.