



SRN Temporary Prioritization Update

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Statewide Referral Network Temporary Prioritization Background

- Long-term goal to improve coordination with homeless service systems and the Statewide Referral Network
 - In 2024, IDHS launched a small SRN CoC Pilot focused on three CoCs in areas with SRN units but limited referrals.
 - Have seen some success in improving coordination and incorporation of SRN as a housing option for Coordinated Entry, particularly with Central Illinois CoC (DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston, Logan, Mason, McLean, Menard, Piatt, Vermilion)
- In 2025, ~44% of households who moved into a Statewide Referral Network unit were either **at-risk of homelessness** or **currently homeless**
- Recent federal policy changes impacting CoC Program and CoC-connected/funded PSH.
- Office to Prevent and End Homeless proposed temporary change to prioritize referrals through Coordinated Entry into SRN units.



Temporary Prioritization Process

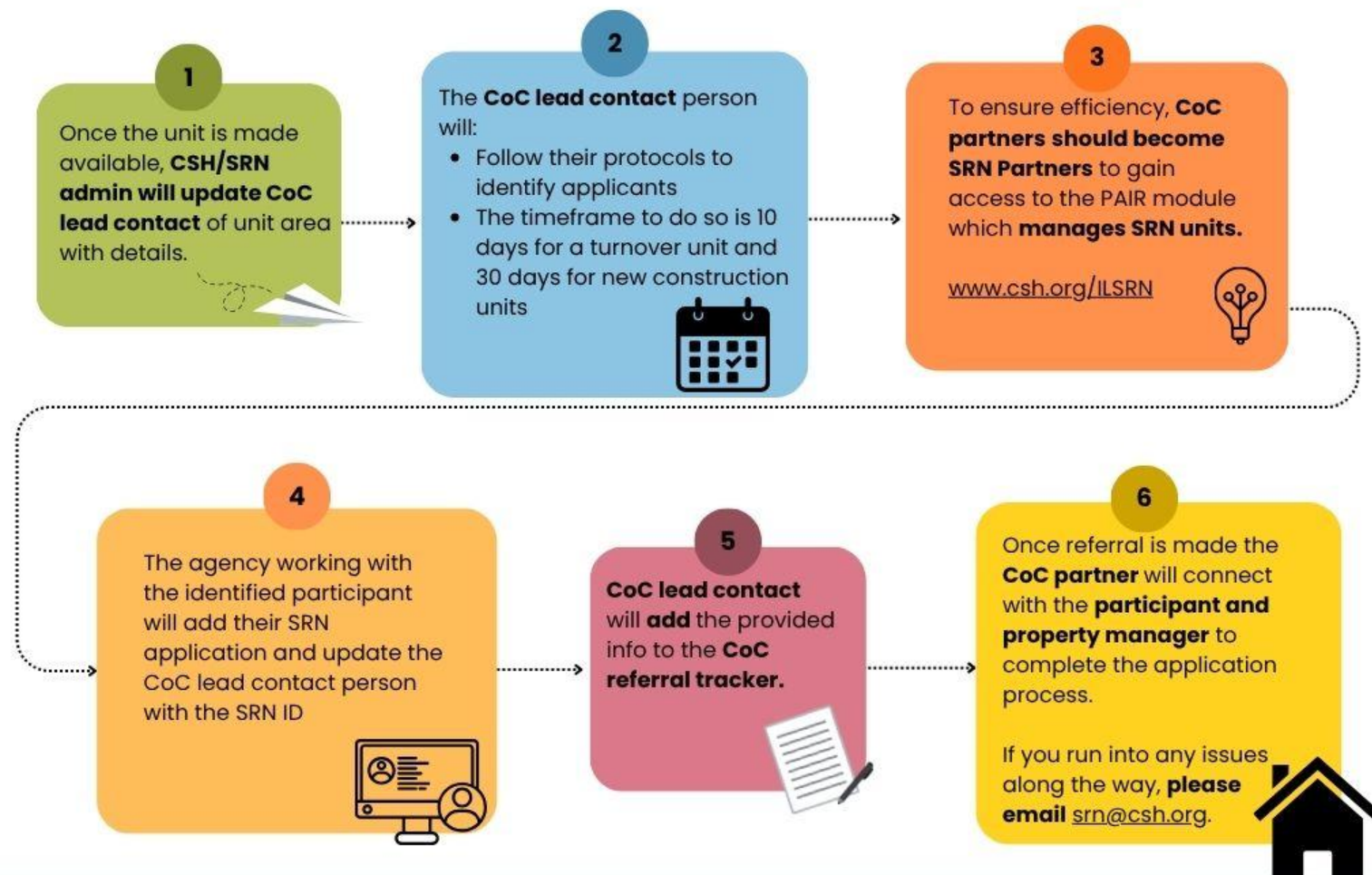
- SRN Temporary Prioritization approved by SRN/811 Interagency Panel in March and went live April 1, 2026
- Change: CoC Coordinated Entry priority for referrals to SRN units when a unit initially becomes available:
 - First 10 days (out of 30) for turnover units
 - First 30 days (out of 90) for new units
 - Exception for Ligas Class Members in crisis, who will be prioritized above all other referrals
 - After initial period SRN referrals will be handled as usual, including all eligible households



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- Applies to all SRN units that do not have other population-based restrictions
 - Examples: Bridge Subsidy, HOPWA, HUD-VASH, etc.
- Duration: 12 months
 - Evaluated by SRN/811 Interagency Panel to determine if continue/discontinue in 2027.
- Does not impact Section 811 PRA units
- CSH Waitlist Management staff and OPEH conducting outreach and training for CoCs
- CSH establishing operational protocols for implementation.

Statewide Referral Network (SRN) Steps





Implementation update

- 15/19 CoCs have had at least 1 SRN units available for referral
 - Only CoCs with no available units yet are Decatur/Macon, DuPage, Madison, and Northern Illinois)
- Over 50 units have been prioritized from April 1 – April 24th
- 6 CoCs have identified at least one eligible household to refer to an available unit.
- Too early for unit outcome information, but are tracking and will provide regular updates to the SRN/811 Interagency Panel.

