Hope Village Medical Fragility Definition

A Reference Guide for Residents, Families, and Referring Providers

At Hope Village, we believe that stable housing is the foundation for health, dignity, and healing. This community is designed to serve individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness and living with complex medical needs — people who often fall through the cracks of traditional systems and deserve a place to call home.

To help everyone find the right fit, this guide explains what we mean by "medical fragility" and outlines the level of care we can provide. Our goal is simple: to welcome those we are best equipped to support, and to help connect others with the resources that will serve them well.

Understanding Medical Fragility at Hope Village

"Medical fragility," as it applies to Hope Village, describes an individual whose health is vulnerable and whose well-being depends heavily on stable housing paired with consistent, coordinated support. These are people managing ongoing health conditions that make daily life difficult without a safe, supportive environment.

A medically fragile individual who is a good fit for Hope Village must be able to perform all Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) independently. They typically also:

- Lives with one or more chronic health conditions that require ongoing management
- Performs all daily personal care tasks — such as bathing, dressing, and mobility — without staff assistance
- Benefits from wraparound services and on-site support to stay stable and engaged in their health
- Can live safely and independently in a supportive, community-based residential setting

Hope Village bridges the gap between having no home and needing round-the-clock clinical care. We provide a home and a network of support — not a hospital or a nursing facility.

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1. What We Can Support

Hope Village offers permanent supportive housing alongside comprehensive wraparound services designed to help residents stabilize, heal, and thrive. As part of that commitment, our support staff provides dedicated benefits navigation assistance — helping residents obtain federal, state, and local identification documents, navigate Social Security applications and benefit access, and secure referrals to community-based programs and services. Our team is prepared to welcome individuals whose care needs fall within a supportive, community-based model.

We can support residents who are able to perform all Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) independently and may also need:

Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

- Independently managing bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene without staff assistance
- Moving safely throughout the community on their own or with personal mobility aids
- Handling meal access and everyday routines independently, with support available for medication reminders and care coordination

Management of Multiple Chronic Diseases

- Coordination with medical providers, clinics, and case managers to support ongoing chronic disease management
- Assistance obtaining federal, state, and local identification documents required for housing stability and benefits access
- Navigation support for Social Security programs, including SSI/SSDI applications, reinstatement, and ongoing benefit management
- Warm referrals to community-based organizations, social services, and local programs that extend support beyond what Hope Village provides on-site

Supportive Medical Technologies

- Supplemental oxygen and related equipment used at a supportive-housing level
- Mobility aids such as walkers, canes, and wheelchairs
- Everyday adaptive tools that help residents live safely and independently

In short, Hope Village is built for individuals who can live independently in a residential community — people who manage their own daily care, benefit from coordinated health services, and thrive with the stability of a permanent, supportive home.

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2. Exclusions and Level of Care

To keep every resident safe and to ensure the right fit, it's important to be clear about what Hope Village is **not**.

Hope Village is not a substitute for a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

We do not provide hands-on assistance with Activities of Daily Living, 24-hour skilled nursing, acute medical treatment, or the intensive clinical care found in hospitals or nursing homes. Residents must be able to manage all personal care tasks independently — including bathing, dressing, mobility, and hygiene. Individuals who require staff assistance with ADLs or a higher level of clinical care will be better served in a setting equipped to meet those needs, and we are committed to helping connect them with appropriate resources.

Hope Village is generally **not** the right fit for individuals who:

- **Require any staff assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)**, including bathing, dressing, grooming, mobility, and personal hygiene — residents must manage all personal care tasks fully and independently
- **Require skilled nursing or 24-hour clinical care**, including ventilator dependence, complex wound care, or continuous medical monitoring
- **Have severe or unmanaged mental health needs** that cannot be safely supported in a community-based residential setting
- **Have a history of repeated sexual predation**, which would compromise the safety of other residents
- **Have committed serious violent offenses, such as arson**, that pose a direct risk to the community and its members

These boundaries exist for one reason: to protect the health, safety, and dignity of everyone who calls Hope Village home. When someone is not a fit for our community, our commitment does not end there. We will do our best to help guide them toward other appropriate resources within the continuum of care.

Finding the Right Fit, Together

Every referral and every conversation matters. If you are a potential resident, a family member, or a referring provider, we encourage you to reach out so we can talk through individual needs and determine the best path forward.

Hope Village works within Champaign-Urbana's coordinated entry system to ensure that housing is matched in a fair, needs-based way. Together, we can make sure each person finds a place where they can be safe, supported, and truly at home.

To learn more or begin a referral, connect with the Hope Village team.