



IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP announces HCBS stabilization grants

In response to the national public health emergency due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is offering financial relief to active home health and home- and community-based services (HCBS) providers through HCBS stabilization grants. This financial relief is described on the [Indiana HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan](#) page at in.gov/fssa.



The purpose of the HCBS stabilization grants is both to retroactively address COVID-19-related expenses and challenges and to recognize the important work of frontline staff, including costs related to compensation and benefits, COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, and other COVID-19-related expenses, to allow providers to stabilize their operations. Upon receipt of a grant payment, providers must use at least 75% of the amount received toward HCBS-related workforce stabilization activities (such as bonuses for frontline staff or recruitment activities).

To be eligible for an HCBS stabilization grant, providers must meet the following criteria as of the date of attestation submission:

- Must be an actively enrolled HCBS Medicaid provider as either of the following:
 - As a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provider
 - As one of the following IHCP provider types:
 - ◆ 05 (Home Health Agency)
 - ◆ 11 (Behavioral Health Provider)
 - ⇒ Specialty 111 (Community Mental Health Center) – *for Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO) services*
 - ⇒ Specialty 115 (Adult Mental Health and Habilitation)
 - ⇒ Specialty 611 (Child Mental Health Wraparound)
 - ⇒ Specialty 612 (Behavioral and Primary Healthcare Coordination)
 - ◆ 12 (School Corporation)
 - ◆ 32 (Waiver Provider)
- Must currently be providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries; providers must have at least one paid Medicaid claim with a date of service (DOS) in calendar year (CY) 2019, CY2020 or CY2021.

To demonstrate eligibility for the HCBS stabilization grant, providers will need to submit a completed [HCBS Stabilization Grant Program Attestation Form](#) by Feb. 10, 2022. For providers with more than one eligible IHCP Provider ID, one form is necessary for each active enrollment. Attestation forms completed before Jan. 25, 2022, will receive priority payment.



For more information, see the informational video, which can be found on the [Indiana HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan](#) page at in.gov/fssa. Please feel free to direct any questions and/or feedback to hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov.

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