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# *IHCP COVID-19 Response:* IHCP announces HCBS type II "Sprinter" ambulance grants

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces Homeand Community-Based Services (HCBS) type II "Sprinter" ambulance grants to Indiana units of local government and ambulance operators actively serving the state of Indiana's fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid members as an active participant in our nonemergency transportation (NEMT) network, brokered by Southeastrans, Inc.

As part of the Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) HCBS Spend Plan, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is issuing grants to qualifying providers to cover the cost to purchase type II "Sprinter" ambulances. The funding for these grants was made available by Section 9817 of the *American Rescue Plan Act*.



The purpose of these grants is to improve transportation services to members residing in their homes and needing nonemergent care and

services within their community that require the use of type II "Sprinter" ambulances.

The OMPP is making a one-time, federally funded opportunity to cover the cost to purchase a type II "Sprinter" ambulance at \$110,000 per vehicle, and up to two vehicles per applicant, aimed at increasing NEMT services.

To be eligible for an HCBS type II "Sprinter" ambulance, providers must meet the following criteria as of the date of grant application submission:

- Appropriately licensed to operate ambulances and actively enrolled as a transportation provider in the state's Medicaid FFS NEMT program, currently administered by Southeastrans, Inc.
- Willing to pick up members at their own residence, such as home, condo or apartment. Separate funding is available to assist members in addressing structural accessibility issues that may reduce/limit the ability of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to enter the residence with the necessary equipment.
- Able to submit a quarterly usage report and an annual impact report to OMPP.
- Agree to schedule and bill for services according to the state and NEMT broker policies.
- Comply with the requirements of Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR 200.313 Equipment upon receipt of grant funds, and cooperate with the appropriate state or federal agencies to verify ongoing compliance.

Applicants must submit a technical proposal, budget and budget narrative as outlined in the Type II "Sprinter" Ambulance Grant Program <u>RFF-2022-018</u> by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on **Nov. 4, 2022**. Questions about this funding or the application process may be directed to <u>hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov</u>.

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