

PROVIDER BULLETIN

 AETNA BETTER HEALTH® OF FLORIDA 261 N. University Drive Plantation, FL 33324 www.AetnaBetterHealth.com/Florida	Date:	January 26, 2022
	Purpose:	Provider Bulletin: Remind providers that HCBS applications are due by February 14, 2022.
	Subject:	HCBS Provider Funding Due Date Reminder
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	From:	Provider Relations

Aetna Better Health® of Florida Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Application is Due by **February 14, 2022.**

Aetna Better Health of Florida would like to remind eligible providers of the initial application period for the Agency's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) enhanced funding plan. Eligible providers will have 60 days to complete the application for funding. **Providers must apply by February 14, 2022.**

The three components included in the initial application cycle include:

- One-time provider stipend payments to support HCBS providers;
- One-time payments to aid eligible HCBS providers in recruiting and retaining qualified staff; and
- Funding to support the purchase of delayed egress systems for group homes and adult day training centers.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 14: This is a reminder that the deadline to apply for the Agency's Home and Community-Based Services Provider Funding for these three components is February 14, 2022.

New! Application tutorials for both One-Time Provider Stipend and/or One-Time Provider retention Payments Application and Delayed Egress Purchase and Install Payments Application can be found [here](#).

Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): New posting for FAQs to address questions submitted. The updated FAQs can be found here:

- https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Policy/federal_authorities/hcbs_faq.shtml

More information on the application process and a list of eligible provider types can be found on the AHCA Website under Florida HCBS Eligibility and Application Instructions:

- <https://protect-s.mimecast.com/s/RfFiCNky8AFV6RJgJTxl33g?domain=ahca.myflorida.com>

The application process for eligible providers is to ensure appropriate measures are put in place to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. The Agency will announce additional application periods for remaining program components, which are expected to occur by April 2022.

Additional Information: Additional Information: Florida's HCBS programs serve the state's aging population, as well as individuals with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. For more information about Florida's strategy for administering the increased FMAP funding for HCBS providers and to apply or obtain updates on upcoming application cycles, please visit:

- <https://ahca.myflorida.com/hcbsapplication>

We appreciate the excellent care you provide to our members. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us via e-mail: FLMedicaidProviderRelations@Aetna.com. You can also fax us at 1-844-235-1340 or call us through our Provider Relations telephone line: 1-844-528-5815.

Thank you

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