



**Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
Waiver
Monthly Report for Waiver Enrollment Offers
FY 2025-26**

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Purpose

As directed by the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-26, from the funds in Specific Appropriation 242, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (Agency) is authorized to use funds, as needed, to ensure that individuals in crisis promptly begin receiving waiver services in accordance with s. 393.065, Florida Statutes.

The agency shall submit monthly reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, detailing: the number of waiver enrollment offers made; the number of offers accepted and declined, along with the reasons provided for declining an offer; and the length of time each individual remained in a pre-enrollment category before receiving an offer and the length of time between an individual receiving an offer and the initiation of services. The agency shall also provide the average cost per individual during the first, second, and third year of waiver enrollment.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-26 provided no additional funds for removing individuals from pre-enrollment categories to the HCBS waiver.

Pre-Enrollment Categories

Overview

Per Chapter 393.065, Florida Statutes, when an individual seeks iBudget enrollment, the Agency verifies they do have a qualifying developmental disability. Then, they are assigned a pre-enrollment category.

Pre-Enrollment Categories	Category 3: Intensive Needs	Category 4: Caregiver Over Age 60	Category 5: Transition from School	Category 6: Age 21 and Older	Category 7: Under Age 21	Totals
Total # of Clients in each Category	89	336	10	8,677	7,884	16,996
On Medicaid State Plan	48	200	8	5,184	4,620	10,060
Not On Medicaid State Plan	41	136	2	3,493	3,264	6,936

Data as of January 5, 2026

Key Takeaways

- Of the 16,996 individuals in a pre-enrollment category, 13,324 of these individuals qualify for and should be receiving services through programs beyond the iBudget waiver. (Shaded portions of the chart reflect these calculations.)

- Just over 60% of individuals currently in a pre-enrollment category are receiving services through the Medicaid State Plan or Non-Home and Community Based Settings.
 - Out of 10,060 individuals on the Medicaid State Plan, 58 individuals are on the Medicaid Long Term Care Waiver. This does not include individuals who have other types of insurance coverage.
 - 230 are in a Non-Home and Community Based Setting (e.g. Intermediate Care Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, hospital, or forensic setting).
- Individuals with disabilities under the age of 21 and enrolled in school are entitled to receive services through the school system, meaning 7,884 individuals in pre-enrollment category 7 are presumed to be able to receive school-based services.

Enrollment Offers for FY 2025-26 (as of January 5, 2026)

Total iBudget Waiver Enrollment	Total Pre-Enrollment
36,707	16,996

Interest Letters Sent

Type of Letter	Number	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, and 5)	2,080	1,398	682
Siblings	210	208	2
iBudget (Category 6)	6,326	1,265	5,061
Total	8,616	2,871	5,745

Interest Letter Responses

Type	Number of Responses	Response Rate	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, and Siblings) Accepted	1,121	48.9%	764	357
iBudget (Category 6) Accepted	1,228	19.4%	215	1,013
Declined	400	4.6%	141	259
Total	2,389	27.7%	1,120	1,629

Enrollment by Fiscal Year

Enrollment Type	Total Number Enrolled	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and Siblings)	1,070	527	543
iBudget (Category 2, Military, ICF, Phelan McDermid)	189	121	68
Crisis	1,882	1,303	579
Total	3,141	1,951	1,190

Decline Reasons by Fiscal Year

Type	Total Number Declined	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Enrolled in ICF	3	2	1
Enrolled in Long-Term Care Waiver	9	8	1
Not eligible or does not want to apply for Medicaid	24	7	17
Not Interested - iBudget Waiver	345	112	233
Requested Case Closure	19	12	7
Total	400	141	259

Length of Time in Pre-enrollment Category Prior to Receiving an Offer

Length of Time	FY 2024-25 In Total	Fiscal Year 2025-26												FY 25-26 GRAND TOTAL
		Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	
1 Year or Less	145	7	11	9	76	0	0							103
1+ to 2 Years	65	3	1	1	30	0	0							35
2+ to 3 Years	66	3	0	3	23	0	0							29
3+ to 4 Years	64	0	2	6	24	0	0							32
4+ to 5 Years	53	4	1	2	25	0	0							32
5+ to 6 Years	100	0	1	2	19	0	0							22
6+ to 7 Years	155	3	4	3	27	0	0							37
7+ to 8 Years	176	1	2	3	41	1	0							48
8+ to 9 Years	102	0	2	1	34	0	0							37
9+ to 10 Years	53	1	1	2	33	0	0							37
More than 10 Years	1,884	16	11	24	5,306	0	0							5,357

This table reflects the length of time between the earliest date the client was placed in any pre-enrollment category and the date the client received an interest letter for waiver enrollment.

Length of Time Between a Client Accepting an Offer and the Initiation of Services

		Fiscal Year 2025-26											
Length of Time	FY 2024-25 In Total	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
0-30 Days	81	22	16	12	12	43	15						
31-60 Days	94	20	7	5	7	6	40						
61-90 Days	100	5	11	10	4	4	4						
>90 Days	142	45	20	12	28	17	14						
Pending Service Start Date	N/A	578	569	574	841	1,178	1,493						

This table reflects the length of time between the date the client accepts the interest letter offer and the initiation of waiver services. The following client or legal representative dependencies affecting this length of time include:

- Clients must be approved for either Florida Medicaid (Title XIX) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If not, they must apply and submit all required documentation to the Florida Department of Children and Families or the federal Social Security Administration and receive approval.
- Clients or their legal representative must sign and waive their right to institutional placement in deference of being served through the Home and Community Based Services Waiver.
- Clients must participate in an individualized needs assessment.

Initial Average Cost Per Client Enrolled in FY 2025-26
Years 1-3 of Waiver Enrollment
(By month of enrollment)

	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3		
	FY 2025-26				FY 2026-27				FY 2027-28		
	# Clients	Allocation Amount	Average		# Clients	Allocation Amount	Average		# Clients	Allocation Amount	Average
July	157	\$ 2,849,029	\$ 18,147								
August	180	\$ 3,751,101	\$ 20,839								
September	153	\$ 3,149,392	\$ 20,584								
October	194	\$ 4,301,085	\$ 22,171								
November	227	\$ 3,197,083	\$ 14,084								
December	279	\$ 4,397,666	\$ 15,762								
January											
February											
March											
April											
May											
June											
TOTALS	1,190	\$ 21,645,356	\$ 18,189								
YTD Total Mid-Year Adjustments to Clients Enrolled in FY 2025-26		\$ 5,910,059									
Adjusted Average Cost Per Individual	1,190	\$ 27,555,415	\$ 23,156								