



**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.

<b>Pre-Enrollment Categories</b>	<b>Category 3: Intensive Needs</b>	<b>Category 4: Caregiver Over Age 60</b>	<b>Category 5: Transition from School</b>	<b>Category 6: Age 21 and Older</b>	<b>Category 7: Under Age 21</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Total # of Clients in each Category</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11,873</b>	<b>8,081</b>	<b>20,769</b>
<b>On Medicaid State Plan</b>	114	367	18	7,844	4,586	12,929
<b>Not On Medicaid State Plan</b>	60	252	4	4,029	3,225	7,570

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Of the 20,769 individuals in a pre-enrollment category, 16,154 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 62% 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 the 12,929 individuals on the Medicaid State Plan, 756 individuals are on the Medicaid Long Term Care Waiver. This does not include individuals who have other types of insurance coverage.
  - 1,003 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 8,081 individuals in pre-enrollment category 7 are presumed to be able to receive school-based services.

## Enrollment Offers for FY 2024-25 (as of August 5, 2025)

Total iBudget Waiver Enrollment	Total Pre-Enrollment
36,171	20,769

### Interest Letters Sent

Type of Letter	Number	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, and 5)	1,438	1,397	41
Siblings	210	208	2
iBudget (Category 6)	1,265	1,265	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,913</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>43</b>

### Interest Letter Responses

Type	Number of Responses	Response Rate	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, and Siblings)	799	48%	764	35
iBudget (Category 6)	234	18%	215	19
Decline	136	5%	132	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>58</b>

## Enrollment by Fiscal Year

Enrollment Type	Total Number Enrolled	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and Siblings)	567	527	40
iBudget (Category 2, Military, ICF, Phelan McDermid)	130	121	9
Crisis	1,411	1,303	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>157</b>

## Decline Reasons by Fiscal Year

Type	Total Number Declined	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Enrolled in ICF	2	2	0
Enrolled in Long-Term Care Waiver	7	7	0
Not eligible or does not want to apply for Medicaid	8	7	1
Not Interested - iBudget Waiver	109	106	3
Requested Case Closure	10	10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>4</b>

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

Length of Time	FY 2024-25 Grand 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	233	7												7
1+ to 2 Years	134	3												3
2+ to 3 Years	159	3												3
3+ to 4 Years	132	0												0
4+ to 5 Years	150	4												4
5+ to 6 Years	205	0												0
6+ to 7 Years	243	3												3
7+ to 8 Years	261	1												1
8+ to 9 Years	173	0												0
9+ to 10 Years	126	1												1
More than 10 Years	3,374	16												16

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	FY 2025-26 GRAND TOTAL
0-30 Days	81	20												20
31-60 Days	95	15												15
61-90 Days	100	2												2
>90 Days	142	29												29
Pending Service Start Date	n/a	578												578

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											
September											
October											
November											
December											
January											
February											
March											
April											
May											
June											
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>\$ 2,849,029</b>	<b>\$ 18,147</b>								