



**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	64	276	11	8,051	7,883	16,285
On Medicaid State Plan	27	158	9	4,767	4,559	9,520
Not On Medicaid State Plan	37	118	2	3,284	3,324	6,765

Data as of April 1, 2026

Key Takeaways

- Of the 16,285 individuals in a pre-enrollment category, 12,844 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 58% 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 9,520 individuals on the Medicaid State Plan, 122 individuals are on the Medicaid Long Term Care Waiver. This does not include individuals who have other types of insurance coverage.
 - 166 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 7,883 individuals in pre-enrollment category 7 are presumed to be able to receive school-based services.

Enrollment Offers for FY 2025-26 (as of April 1, 2026)

Total iBudget Waiver Enrollment	Total Pre-Enrollment
37,280	16,285

Interest Letters Sent

Type of Letter	Number	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, and 5)	2,255	1,398	857
Siblings	210	208	2
iBudget (Category 6)	7,240	1,265	5,975
Total	9,705	2,871	6,834

Interest Letter Responses

Type	Number of Responses	Response Rate	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, and Siblings) Accepted	1,248	50.6%	764	484
iBudget (Category 6) Accepted	1,671	23.1%	215	1,456
Declined	576	5.9%	141	435
Total	3,495	36.0%	1,120	2,375

Enrollment by Fiscal Year

Enrollment Type	Total Number Enrolled	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and Siblings)	1,656	527	1,129
iBudget (Category 2, Military, ICF, Phelan McDermid)	229	121	108
DD Managed Care Pilot (DDMC) to Waiver	3	-	3
Crisis	2,107	1,303	804
Total	3,995	1,951	2,044

Decline Reasons by Fiscal Year

Type	Total Number Declined	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Enrolled in ICF	5	2	3
Enrolled in Long-Term Care Waiver	10	8	2
Not eligible or does not want to apply for Medicaid	64	7	57
Not Interested - iBudget Waiver	469	112	358
Requested Case Closure	27	12	15
Total	575	141	435

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	233	7	11	9	76	-	-	39	-	29				171
1+ to 2 Years	134	3	1	1	30	-	-	7	-	6				48
2+ to 3 Years	159	3	-	3	23	-	-	6	-	3				38
3+ to 4 Years	132	-	2	6	24	-	-	2	-	4				38
4+ to 5 Years	150	4	1	2	25	-	-	3	-	5				40
5+ to 6 Years	205	-	1	2	19	-	-	5	-	1				28
6+ to 7 Years	243	3	4	3	27	-	-	2	-	4				43
7+ to 8 Years	261	1	2	3	41	1	-	10	-	7				65
8+ to 9 Years	173	-	2	1	34	-	-	2	-	4				43
9+ to 10 Years	126	1	1	2	33	-	-	57	-	2				96
More than 10 Years	3,374	16	11	24	5,306	-	-	873	-	18				6,248

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

Length of Time	FY 2024-25 In Total	Fiscal Year 2025-26											
		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	16	31	27			
31-60 Days	94	20	7	5	7	6	40	23	31	53			
61-90 Days	100	5	11	10	4	4	4	35	30	35			
>90 Days	142	45	20	12	28	17	14	5	35	68			
Pending Service Start Date	N/A	578	569	574	841	1,178	1,493	1,277	1,309	183			

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	256	\$ 3,661,569	\$ 14,303						
February	271	\$ 4,172,068	\$ 15,395						
March	327	\$ 5,461,787	\$ 16,703						
April									
May									
June									
TOTALS	2,044	\$ 34,940,780	\$ 17,094						
YTD Total Mid-Year Adjustments to Clients Enrolled in FY 2025-26		\$ 15,602,880							
Adjusted Average Cost Per Individual	2,044	\$ 50,543,660	\$ 24,728						