agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver
Monthly Report for Waiver Enrollment Offers
FY 2026-27

September 2026

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Purpose

As directed by the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-27, from the funds in Specific Appropriation 254, 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 2026-27 provided $10 million in recurring funds to expand the Home and Community Based Services Waiver by moving individuals from pre-enrollment categories to the 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	**48**	**277**	**11**	**6,979**	**7,848**	**15,163**
On Medicaid State Plan	21	169	7	4,155	4,525	8,877
Not On Medicaid State Plan	27	108	4	2,824	3,323	6,286

Data as of September 1, 2026

Key Takeaways

- Of the 15,163 individuals in a pre-enrollment category, 12,200 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 8,877 individuals on the Medicaid State Plan, 153 individuals are on the Medicaid Long Term Care Waiver. This does not include individuals who have other types of insurance coverage.
    - 187 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 7,848 individuals in pre-enrollment category 7 are presumed to be able to receive school-based services.

Enrollment Offers for FY 2026-27 (as of September 1, 2026)

Total iBudget Waiver Enrollment	Total Pre-Enrollment
37,900	**15,163**

Interest Letters Sent

Type of Letter	Number	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, and 5)	867	867	0
Siblings	2	2	0
iBudget (Category 6)	5,979	5,979	0
Total	**6,848**	**6,848**	**0**

Interest Letter Responses

Type	Number of Responses	Response Rate	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, and Siblings) **Accepted**	544	62.6%	537	7
iBudget (Category 6) **Accepted**	1,632	27.3%	1,572	60
Declined	559	8.2%	540	19
Total	**2,735**	**39.9%**	**2,649**	**86**

Enrollment by Fiscal Year

Enrollment Type	Total Number Enrolled	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and Siblings)	1,745	1592	153
iBudget (Category 2, Military, ICF, Phelan McDermid)	152	132	20
DD Managed Care Pilot (DDMC) to Waiver	6	6	0
Crisis	1,292	1,089	203
Total	**3,195**	**2,819**	**376**

Decline Reasons by Fiscal Year

Type	Total Number Declined	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Enrolled in ICF	3	3	0
Enrolled in Long-Term Care Waiver	5	5	0
Not eligible or does not want to apply for Medicaid	101	97	4
Not Interested - iBudget Waiver	426	412	14
Requested Case Closure	24	23	1
Total	**559**	**540**	**19**

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

		Fiscal Year 2026-27												
Length of Time	**FY 2025-26 In Total**	**Jul-26**	**Aug-26**	**Sep-26**	**Oct-26**	**Nov-26**	**Dec-26**	**Jan-27**	**Feb-27**	**Mar-27**	**Apr-27**	**May-27**	**Jun-27**	**FY 26-27 GRAND TOTAL**
1 Year or Less	173	-	-											-
1+ to 2 Years	48	-	-											-
2+ to 3 Years	39	-	-											-
3+ to 4 Years	38	-	-											-
4+ to 5 Years	40	-	-											-
5+ to 6 Years	28	-	-											-
6+ to 7 Years	43	-	-											-
7+ to 8 Years	66	-	-											-
8+ to 9 Years	43	-	-											-
9+ to 10 Years	96	-	-											-
More than 10 Years	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

	Fiscal Year 2026-27											
Length of Time	**Jul-26**	**Aug-26**	**Sep-26**	**Oct-26**	**Nov-26**	**Dec-26**	**Jan-27**	**Feb-27**	**Mar-27**	**Apr-27**	**May-27**	**Jun-27**
0-30 Days	2	12										
31-60 Days	12	2										
61-90 Days	14	0										
>90 Days	76	34										
Pending Service Start Date	793	749										

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	292	$ 4,509,212	$ 15,443						
May	293	$ 5,158,969	$ 17,607						
June	190	$ 5,065,516	$ 26,661						
TOTALS	**2,819**	**$ 49,674,477**	**$ 17,621**						
YTD Total Mid-Year Adjustments to Clients Enrolled in FY 2025-26		**$ 13,017,077**			**$ 52,842,637**				
Adjusted Average Cost Per Individual	**2,819**	**$ 62,691,554**	**$ 22,239**	**2,798**	**$ 115,534,191**	**$ 41,292**			

Initial Average Cost Per Client Enrolled in FY 2026-27

Years 1-3 of Waiver Enrollment

(By month of enrollment)

	YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3		
	FY 2026-27			FY 2027-28			FY 2028-29		
	# Clients	Allocation Amount	Average	# Clients	Allocation Amount	Average	# Clients	Allocation Amount	Average
July	191	$ 3,301,204	$ 17,284						
August	185	$ 2,987,105	$ 16,147						
September									
October									
November									
December									
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									
TOTALS	**376**	**$ 6,288,309**	**$ 16,724**						
YTD Total Mid-Year Adjustments to Clients Enrolled in FY 2026-27		**$ 316,686**							
Adjusted Average Cost Per Individual	**376**	**$ 6,604,995**	**$ 17,566**						