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Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Announces Application Period for Home and Community-Based Services Provider Funding

~The initial application period focuses on supporting providers with workforce recruitment and retention~

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announced the initial application period for three components of 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.

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, taking care of Florida's seniors and most vulnerable residents has been and continues to be a top priority," said **Agency Secretary Simone Marsteller**. "The Agency is pleased to invest this enhanced funding in Florida's home and community-based services providers to strengthen their ability to recruit and retain staff to care for the most vulnerable and enhance the ability of these Floridians to receive care in a community-based setting."

The three components included in the initial application cycle include:

- One-time provider stipend payments to support HCBS providers;
- One 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.

More information on the application process and a list of eligible provider types can be found [HERE](#).

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.

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>.

