



LTCCC EOHHS/Medicaid Update: FY 22 Budget and HCBS Enhanced FMAP

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Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Initiatives

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Early Success from FY '22 Budget Initiatives

1. Increase HCBS Maintenance of Needs Allowance from 100% Federal Poverty Allowance to 300% SSI Benefit Rate

- More than doubled the living allowance for all LTSS clients living at home
- Implemented 9/1/22

2. Assisted Living Tiered Rate Reform

- Increase rates for all Assisted Living
- Implement 3 tiers for Assisted Living Residences and Beneficiaries fully effective 2/1/22
- Four ALRs are already approved for the highest tier

3. Behavioral Health Training & Rate Increase

- 4 classes with 181 enrollees across 13 agencies

HCBS Enhanced FMAP Updates

Background on HCBS Enhanced FMAP (E-FMAP)

- The American Rescue Plan includes a 10% federal match increase (E-FMAP) for all state expenditures on home and community-based services (HCBS). This includes a *range of services including home care, assisted living, independent providers, DD services and some children’s services and adult behavioral health services.*
- Our estimates is that the state will have approximately \$160 M new funding (all funds) to spend on newly approved investments
- To administer the funds, Medicaid will claim additional federal funds *that must be used on HCBS services.* They must “supplement, not supplant” current State spending (general revenue). In this way, it is a direct award to EOHHS/Medicaid where the single state Medicaid authority can determine how to spend the funds.
- The State has until March 31, 2024 to spend the funds.
- CMS requires a written plan for how each State anticipates spending the funds under signature of the Medicaid Program Director. States must submit a draft plan that is updated quarterly with CMS. These are public documents. The initial draft plan was due to CMS on July 11, 2021.
- CMS continues to answer state’s question on what can be counted and other program parameters.
- For more details: [Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Enhancement | Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#)

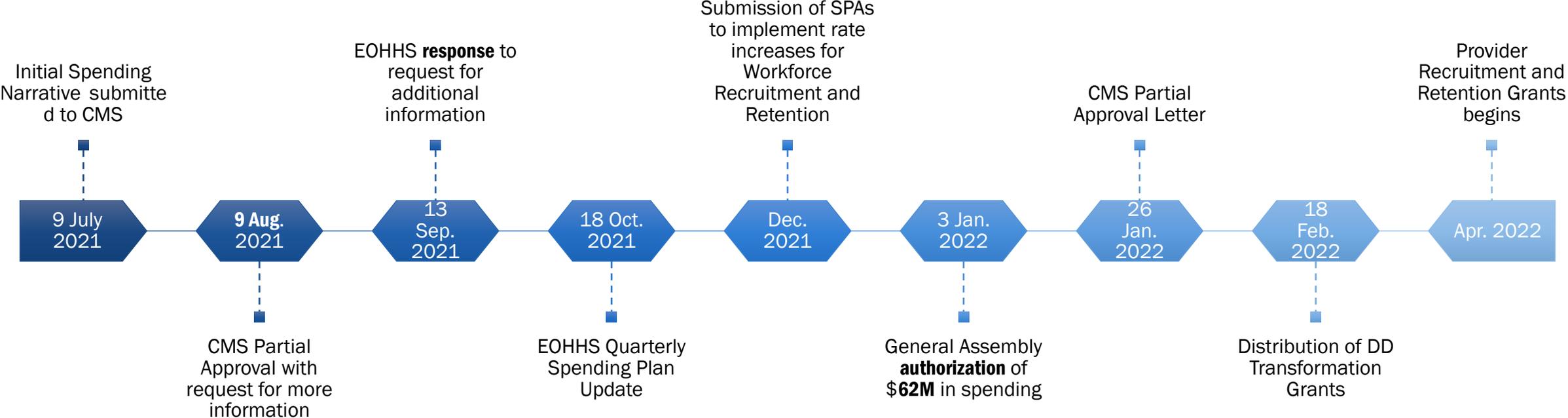
HCBS E-FMAP: Proposed Investment Areas

RI has organized its E-FMAP spending plan around the following investment areas, across all service categories: **LTSS, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Children’s Behavioral Health, and Adult Behavioral Health.**

Function	LTSS	I/DD	CBH/Child Welfare	Adult BH
No Wrong Door	<i>How can we continue progress to ensure that no matter what “door” a Rhode Islander enters through to seek information on LTSS or behavioral health services, they receive consistent, person-centered, and conflict free information?</i>			
Increasing HCBS Access	<i>How can we increase availability of services to ensure that Rhode Island Medicaid members receive the right services, at the right time?</i>			
Workforce Development	<i>How can we make direct care work and family caregiving work expert, valued, supported, and encouraged?</i>			
Quality Improvement / Promoting Equity	<i>How do we ensure that the access we provide improves the quality of the lives of our residents? How do we tackle racial disparities in access and outcomes? How do we encourage and experiment with new care models for complex beneficiaries ?</i>			
Infrastructure Investment to Expand Provider Capacity	<i>What infrastructure needs do we need to address with greater investments to advance the continuum of care? How do we transform our services?</i>			
Updating Technology	<i>What technology needs to change to better administer services, accelerate eligibility determinations, improve customer service, and utilize data?</i>			

HCBS E-FMAP Timeframe

EOHHS is working closely with CMS to gain the authorizations necessary to implement priority programs as quickly as possible.



Developmental Disabilities (DD)

- \$4 million distributed to 23 DD provider groups on April 18, 2022.
- Provide direct grants to licensed Development Disabilities Organizations (DDOs) to build capacity through staff recruitment, development, and retention efforts. Like other HCBS providers, DDOs are facing workforce shortages which hinder their ability to adequately meet consumer need.

Workforce Development

Approximately half of the HCBS E-FMAP funding is dedicated to stabilizing and rebuilding our HCBS direct care workforce.

Hiring & Retention Incentives: Rate Increases

- \$59.5 million
- Funding to be distributed in April and May 2022



Advanced Certifications for Direct Care Workers

- \$3 million
- Programs will be announced Summer 2022



Tuition Waiver Equity Initiative

- \$3 million
- Summer 2022



Career Awareness and Outreach

- \$1 million
- Summer 2022



LTSS No Wrong Door Infrastructure

Investments will streamline and standardize critical eligibility functions to reduce institutional bias, expedite access to services, and implement consistent person-centered planning (PCP) and conflict-free case management (CFCM) across populations.

System Modernization

- Development of an LTSS electronic record to improve transitions between from options counseling through case management
- Development begins Summer 2022



Person Centered Options Counseling Network Expansion

- Summer – Fall 2022



Expediate HCBS Access & Optimize Workflow

- Fall 2022



Children's Behavioral Health

Data from Rhode Island Kids Count found that calls to RI Kids Link, a Rhode Island hotline for children's behavioral health, increased 22% in 2020 during COVID.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services

- Fund a FY 2023 pilot for children's mobile crisis



Expanding the Home and Community-Based Service Array

- Expand current contracts to fill treatment gaps



Strengthening the System with a Single Point of Access

- Expand pediatric behavioral health triage and referral



Adult Behavioral Health, Dental, and Housing

Priority Project for FY 2022 and 2023 include investments in Adult Behavioral Health, Dental Health and Support for the chronically homeless

Certified Community Behavioral Health (CCBHC) Network Expansion

- Late FY 23



Dental Care in Home Health Settings Pilot

- Improve access to Oral Health Care
- Spring '22: Stakeholder conversations and implementation plan



HCBS Services to Help Rhode Islanders Experiencing Homeless or Housing Insecurity

- Coordinating with BHDDH, Commerce and OHCD
- Fall 2022



FY 23 and 24 Projects

EOHHS will pursue the following, approved initiative in State FY 23 and 24 as the HCBS E-FMAP funding is finalized.

LTSS

- Enhanced HCBS Information, & Outreach
- Building TBI Capacity
- Self Directed Expansion
- Assisted Living Expansion Grants

Children's Behavioral Health

- Expanded Care Coordination
- Transition Age Youth & Young Adult Services
- Prevention Services
- Community Referral Platform

Adult Behavioral Health and Housing

- Expand CCBHC Network Expansion – HIT & Other Data Investments
- MCO Housing Incentives Pilot
- Community-Based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Housing

Other

- Equity Challenge Grants
- Enhanced State Quality Strategy