



**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	72	287	10	8,416	7,887	16,672
On Medicaid State Plan	31	163	8	4,967	4,581	9,750
Not On Medicaid State Plan	41	124	2	3,449	3,306	6,922

Data as of February 2, 2026

Key Takeaways

- Of the 16,672 individuals in a pre-enrollment category, 13,056 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 59% 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 9,750 individuals on the Medicaid State Plan, 68 individuals are on the Medicaid Long Term Care Waiver. This does not include individuals who have other types of insurance coverage.
 - 159 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 7,887 individuals in pre-enrollment category 7 are presumed to be able to receive school-based services.

Enrollment Offers for FY 2025-26 (as of February 2, 2026)

Total iBudget Waiver Enrollment	Total Pre-Enrollment
36,868	16,672

Interest Letters Sent

Type of Letter	Number	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, and 5)	2,175	1,398	777
Siblings	210	208	2
iBudget (Category 6)	7,237	1,265	5,972
Total	9,622	2,871	6,751

Interest Letter Responses

Type	Number of Responses	Response Rate	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, and Siblings) Accepted	1,195	50.1%	764	431
iBudget (Category 6) Accepted	1,435	19.8%	215	1,220
Declined	448	4.7%	141	307
Total	3,078	32.0%	1,120	1,958

Enrollment by Fiscal Year

Enrollment Type	Total Number Enrolled	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
iBudget (Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and Siblings)	1,239	527	712
iBudget (Category 2, Military, ICF, Phelan McDermid)	206	121	85
Crisis	1,952	1,303	649
Total	3,397	1,951	1,446

Decline Reasons by Fiscal Year

Type	Total Number Declined	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Enrolled in ICF	3	2	1
Enrolled in Long-Term Care Waiver	9	8	1
Not eligible or does not want to apply for Medicaid	28	7	21
Not Interested - iBudget Waiver	385	112	273
Requested Case Closure	23	12	11
Total	448	141	307

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	145	7	11	9	76	0	0	39						142
1+ to 2 Years	65	3	1	1	30	0	0	7						42
2+ to 3 Years	66	3	0	3	23	0	0	6						35
3+ to 4 Years	64	0	2	6	24	0	0	2						34
4+ to 5 Years	53	4	1	2	25	0	0	3						35
5+ to 6 Years	100	0	1	2	19	0	0	5						27
6+ to 7 Years	155	3	4	3	27	0	0	2						39
7+ to 8 Years	176	1	2	3	41	1	0	10						58
8+ to 9 Years	102	0	2	1	34	0	0	2						39
9+ to 10 Years	53	1	1	2	33	0	0	57						94
More than 10 Years	1,884	16	11	24	5,306	0	0	873						6,230

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					
31-60 Days	94	20	7	5	7	6	40	23					
61-90 Days	100	5	11	10	4	4	4	35					
>90 Days	142	45	20	12	28	17	14	5					
Pending Service Start Date	N/A	578	569	574	841	1,178	1,493	1,277					

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									
March									
April									
May									
June									
TOTALS	1,446	\$ 25,306,925	\$ 17,501						
YTD Total Mid-Year Adjustments to Clients Enrolled in FY 2025-26		\$ 9,189,866							
Adjusted Average Cost Per Individual	1,446	\$ 34,496,791	\$ 23,857						