



IHCP COVID-19 Response: Deadline extended to May 23 to submit application for HCBS ambulance grants

In response to the national public health emergency due to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is offering financial relief to Indiana units of local government and independent ambulance operators. This financial support is described on the [Indiana Home- and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage \(FMAP\) Spending Plan](#) page at [in.gov/fssa](#).

The purpose of these grants is to improve transportation services to members residing in their home and needing nonemergent care and services within their community that requires the use of an ambulance.

The IHCP is making available a one-time, federally funded grant opportunity to cover the cost to purchase bariatric ambulances at \$180,000 per vehicle, and up to two vehicles per applicant, aimed at increasing nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services.

To be eligible for an HCBS ambulance grant, providers must meet the following criteria as of the date of attestation submission:

- Appropriately licensed to operate ambulances and be an actively enrolled IHCP provider as a transportation provider contracted with the state's fee-for-service NEMT program, currently administered by Southeastrans, Inc.
- Willing to pick up members at their own residence, such as house, condo or apartment. Separate funding is available to assist members in addressing structural accessibility issues that may reduce/limit the ability of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to enter the residence with the necessary equipment.
- Able to submit a [quarterly usage report and an annual impact report](#) to the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP).
- Agree to schedule and bill for services according to the state and NEMT broker policies.
- Comply with the requirements of *Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR 200.313* – Equipment upon receipt of grant funds and cooperate with the appropriate state or federal agencies to verify ongoing compliance.

Additionally, the OMPP has clarified that if awarded a grant, providers must order vehicles by no later than Oct. 1, 2022, and provide proof of purchase to the OMPP. Providers must also confirm receipt of vehicle and when it is operational to transport Medicaid members.

Applicants must submit a technical proposal, budget and budget narrative as outlined in the [Bariatric Ambulance Grant Program RFF-2022-007](#) by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on May 23, 2022. Questions about this funding or the application process may be directed to hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov.



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