



## ***IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP announces HCBS wheelchair van and lift grants – apply by July 22***

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) grants for wheelchair vans and lifts. This grant offer is extended to Indiana units of local government, IHCP-approved public transit companies, existing IHCP transportation providers serving fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid members through a statewide brokerage network, and/or new Indiana-based transportation providers willing to enroll in the IHCP and join the state's network. The deadline for grant application is July 22, 2022.

As part of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) HCBS Spend Plan, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is issuing grants to qualifying providers to cover the cost to purchase wheelchair vans or install wheelchair lifts in existing vans. The funding for these grants was made available by Section 9817 of the *American Rescue Plan Act*.

The purpose of these grants is to improve transportation services to members residing in their homes and needing nonemergent care and services within their community that require the use of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.



The OMPP is making a one-time, federally funded opportunity to cover the cost to purchase wheelchair vans at \$77,000 per grant and wheelchair lifts to be installed in existing fleet vehicles at \$9,000 per grant, aimed at increasing nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services for IHCP members served through the statewide brokerage network.

To be eligible for an HCBS wheelchair van and lift grant, providers must meet the following criteria as of the date of grant application submission:

- Active IHCP transportation providers must be appropriately licensed to operate the vehicles and must be actively enrolled as a transportation provider in the statewide network for brokered NEMT services, currently administered by Southeastrans.
- New transportation provider applicants willing to join the above network that have completed both of the following:
  - Submitted a letter of intent.
  - Started the IHCP enrollment process and, if applicable by *Indiana Code*, have temporary motor carrier certification and have started the permanent process or have permanent status.

- All applicants must be willing to pick up any member, not just members who are enrolled in the organization's programs, and cannot require members to participate in any additional services.
- All applicants must have an Indiana location and use the vehicles to transport Indiana residents.
- All applicants must submit a quarterly usage report and an annual impact report to the OMPP.
- All applicants must schedule and bill for services according to federal, state and NEMT broker policies.



Applicants must submit a technical proposal, budget and budget narrative as outlined in the Wheelchair Van and Lift Grant Program [RFF-2022-014](#) by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on July 22, 2022. Questions about this funding or the application process may be emailed to [hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov](mailto:hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov).

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