



## ***IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP announces HME/DME stabilization grants***

In response to the national public health emergency due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is offering financial relief to active home medical equipment (HME) and durable medical equipment (DME) providers through stabilization grants.

The purpose of the HME/DME stabilization grants is to:

- Address COVID-19-related expenses and challenges.
- Recognize the important role that HME and DME providers play in serving vulnerable Hoosiers in the home and community.

Grant funds must be used to support provider operations and allow providers to stabilize their operations as they relate to HME and DME provided in home- or community-based settings, including but not limited to: business operation expenses, COVID training, personal protective equipment (PPE), payroll, employee bonuses, employee benefits, shipping and transportation.

To be eligible for an HME/DME stabilization grant, providers must meet the following criteria as of the date of attestation submission:

- **Active during Calendar Year 2021:** Defined as having submitted at least \$500 in claims for qualifying HME/DME paid expenditures during Calendar Year 2021 (CY2021)
- **Currently active:** Defined as currently providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries
- **Medicaid provider that provides HME/DME services to individuals in the home and community:** As of the date of attestation, providers must be an actively enrolled IHCP provider as one of the following provider types:
  - Audiologist (type 20, specialty 200)
  - Hearing Aid Dealer (type 22, specialty 220)
  - DME/Medical Supply Dealer (type 25, specialty 250)
  - HME/Home Medical Equipment (type 25, specialty 251)
  - Pharmacy (type 24, specialties 250 and 251)

To be consistent with prior provider stabilization grants distributed by the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), payments will be a flat 8.1% of qualifying CY2021 HME/DME claims for each provider.

To demonstrate eligibility for the HME/DME stabilization grant, providers will need to submit a completed [HME/DME Stabilization Grant Program Attestation Form](#) by **Nov. 18, 2022**. For providers with more than one eligible IHCP Provider ID, one form is necessary for each active enrollment. If the provider's nine-digit IHCP Provider ID includes a letter as the last character, please include the letter on the attestation form. FSSA anticipates distributing funds by the end of January 2023.



For more information, see the [Indiana HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan](#) page at [in.gov/fssa](#). Please feel free to direct any questions and/or feedback to [hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov](mailto:hcbs.spendplan@fssa.in.gov).



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