

Foundational Community Supports (FCS)

Program overview

Foundational Community Supports (FCS) is currently one of the original five initiatives developed under Washington State’s 1115 Medicaid Transformation (MTP) waiver. In 2018, FCS began providing targeted supportive housing (SH) and supported employment (SE) services to Medicaid beneficiaries with behavioral health needs and other risk factors. By focusing on the social determinants of health, the program aims to reduce barriers and promote health equity. These services are designed to strengthen self-sufficiency by helping participants obtain and maintain housing and/or employment.

These Medicaid-reimbursable services do not replace services that are currently available, and they do not pay for room and board or wages.

HCA has contracted with Wellpoint as the third-party administrator (TPA) to authorize enrollments, pay claims, and manage the FCS provider network.

Supportive housing services

These innovative services are demonstrating the positive health effects that safe and secure housing can provide to people in need. To qualify, individuals must be Medicaid-eligible, complete a needs assessment, and be experiencing one of the following risk factors:

- Chronic homelessness
- Dependence on costly institutional care
- An in-home care recipient with complex needs
- Dependence on restrictive adult residential care/treatment settings
- At high risk for expensive care and negative outcomes

Supportive employment services

Supported employment services help people who have physical, behavioral, or long-term health needs that make it difficult for them to find and maintain jobs. These ongoing services include individualized job coaching and training, help with

employer relations, and assistance with job placement.

Eligibility requirements

To qualify, individuals must be Medicaid-eligible, complete a needs assessment, and be experiencing one of the following risk factors:

- Eligible for the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) or aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD) program
- Significant mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring conditions
- A long-term care recipient with complex needs
- An in-home care recipient with complex needs or
- Behavioral health challenges related to vulnerable youth and young adults

Budget for SFY 25

According to the 5187-S.SL 2023-25 biennial budget Section 211 (4) No more than \$41,915,000 of the general fund—federal appropriation and \$20,310,000 of the general fund-local appropriation may be expended for supported housing and employment services described in initiative 3a and 3b of the MTP.

Program reach and sustainability

Who is enrolling?

To date, more than 40,000 individuals have enrolled in FCS since its inception, including Medicaid recipients who are chronically homeless, have complex behavioral health and co-occurring substance use needs, as well as other long-term care needs or disabilities.

Program enrollments

As of September 1, 2024

Enrollment type	Enrollees
Employment	2,856
Housing	8,501
Housing & Employment	3,008
Total	14,365

Our provider networks

The FCS program provides statewide coverage through a wide range of service providers, including

mental health treatment facilities, substance use treatment facilities, housing authorities, and other community-based organizations. Funding is available annually to incentivize providers serving individuals with SUD to expand SH and SE programs.

[View the FCS provider map.](#)

Provider network

As of September 1, 2024

Service type	Contracted providers	Sites
Employment	37	77
Housing	28	65
Housing & employment	165	401
Total	230	543

Partners

The FCS program is a collaboration between HCA, DSHS ALTA, and Wellpoint, our third party administrator.

Waiver extension and new initiatives

Waiver renewal – MTP 2.0

In July of 2022, HCA submitted a formal application to CMS for the renewal of MTP. This new five-year

agreement, known as [MTP 2.0](#), includes FCS as an ongoing program. The MTP was renewed on July 1, 2023, for five years under [MTP 2.0](#).

- Apple Health and Homes: HCA and Dept. of Commerce anticipate launching the program in late 2024.
- Transition Assistance Program: HCA launched 2022.
- Glidepath to employment: HCA launched 2023.

For more information

- Visit the [Foundational Community Supports](#) website.
- Join the [Foundations Newsletter](#) mailing list to receive important program updates and information.
- To learn about participating in FCS, [email Wellpoint](#), call (844) 451-2828 or visit the [provider website](#) or [participant website](#)
- Email questions and comments to medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov.

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