

MEDICAID UPDATE

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

November 3, 2021

AGENCY OVERVIEW

MISSION

- Better Health Care for all Floridians

CORE FUNCTIONS

- State's Chief Health Policy and Planning Entity
- Administering the Florida Medicaid Program
- Licensure and Regulation of nearly 50,000 health care facilities
- We leverage technology to support these core functions and all agency operations.



AGENCY OBJECTIVES

ONE AHCA

- We are one agency, one team.

COST EFFECTIVE

- We leverage Florida's buying power in delivering high quality care at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

TRANSPARENT

- We support initiatives that promote transparency and empower consumers in making well informed healthcare decisions.

HIGH QUALITY

- We emphasize quality in all that we do to improve health outcomes, always putting the individual first.



ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES



ENHANCED FMAP FOR HCBS

- Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides enhanced federal funding for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) and certain behavioral health services through a one-year 10% increase to the share of state Medicaid spending that is paid for by the federal government.
- The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase begins retroactively on April 1, 2021, and ends March 31, 2022.
- Funds must be used to increase access to HCBS for Medicaid beneficiaries and must be expended by March 31, 2024.
- The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued program guidance in May 2021 and initially provided states sixty days to submit a proposed program plan for consideration.



ENHANCED FMAP FOR HCBS

- As required by CMS, state plans must work to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS services.
- CMS received proposed plans from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- As of October 29, CMS has partially approved 41 state plans.
- As of October 29, CMS has conditionally approved 7 state plans, including Florida.
- Florida received conditional approval to begin implementing the activities in the proposed spending plan and narrative on September 28, 2021.
- Florida has proposed spending funds by the end of SFY 2022-2023.



ENHANCED FMAP FOR MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

The Agency proposed the following activities for utilizing these funds:

- **Activities to Support State HCBS Capacity Building**

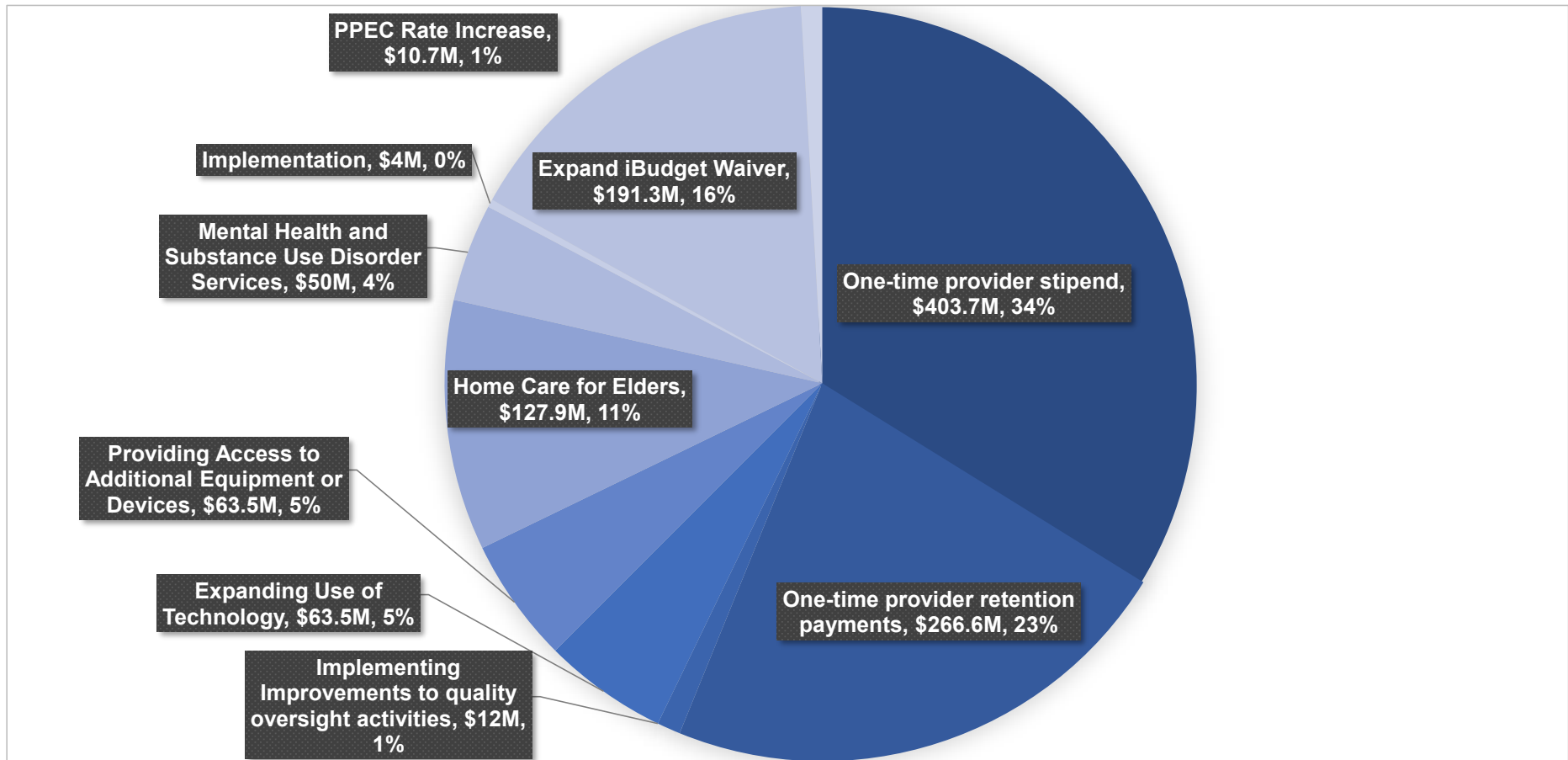
- One time provider stipend
- One-time provider retention payments
- Equipment- technology purchased
- Purchase of delayed egress systems
- Home Care for the Elderly: One-time subsidy payment for seniors aged 60 and older who participate in a public assistance program administered by DOEA and reside in a private family-type setting
- Expanding use of technology: Purchase smartphones, computers, and/or internet activation fees for individuals receiving HCBS
- Providing access to *additional* equipment or devices such as eyeglasses, transfer boards, or environmental modifications
- Expand the iBudget waiver by removing the greatest number of individuals permissible from the waiting list
- Increase the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) reimbursement rate

- **Activities to Support State COVID-Related HCBS Needs**

- Provide funding for mental health and substance use disorder services to regain skills lost during the COVID-19 PHE

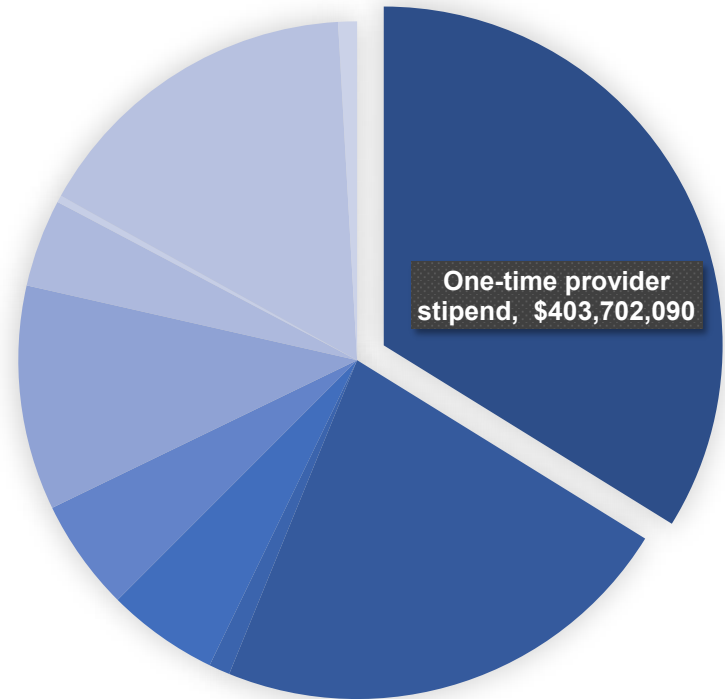


HCBS SPENDING PLAN - \$1,193,496,362



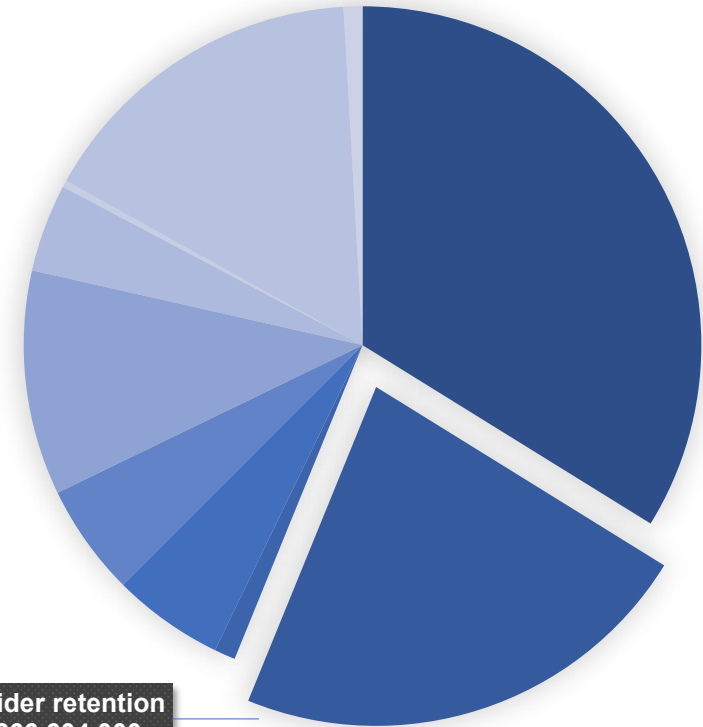
HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	One-time provider stipend
Amount	\$403,702,090
Description	Offer one-time stipend to HCBS waiver providers to support program activities.
Timeline	Anticipate applications will be posted and due in December 2021, and that funds will be distributed through February 2022.



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	One-time provider retention payments
Amount	\$266,604,000
Recipients	Offer one-time direct payments to all HCBS providers for capacity building and workforce development.
Timeline	Anticipate applications will be posted and due in December 2021, and that funds will be distributed through February 2022.

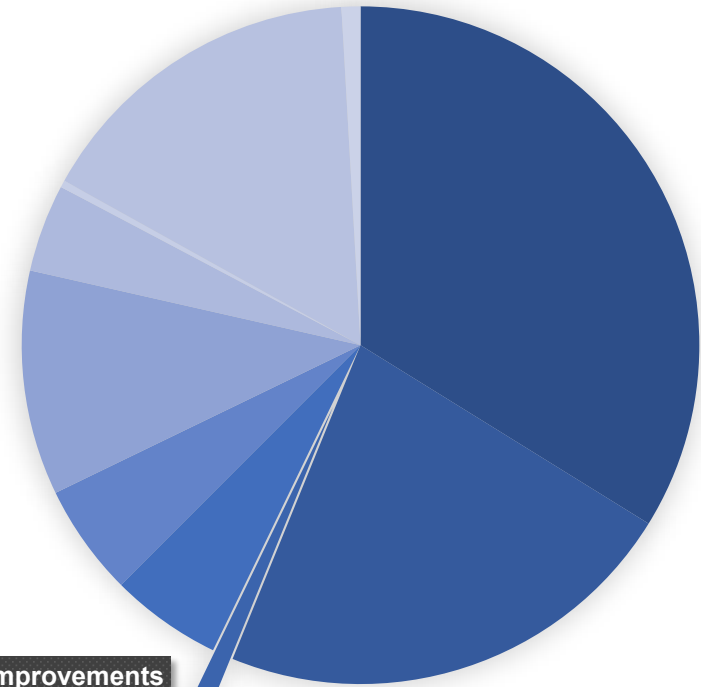


One-time provider retention payments, \$266,604,000



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	Implementing Improvements to Quality Oversight activities
Amount	\$12,000,000
Description	Purchase delayed egress systems for group homes and adult day training centers
Timeline	Anticipate applications will be posted and due in December 2021, and that funds will be distributed through February 2022.

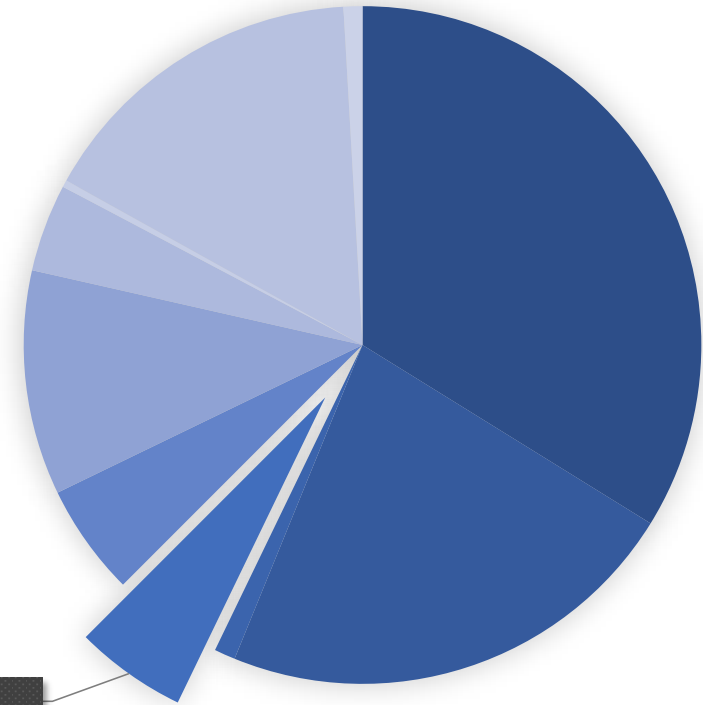


Implementing Improvements to quality oversight activities, \$12,000,000



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

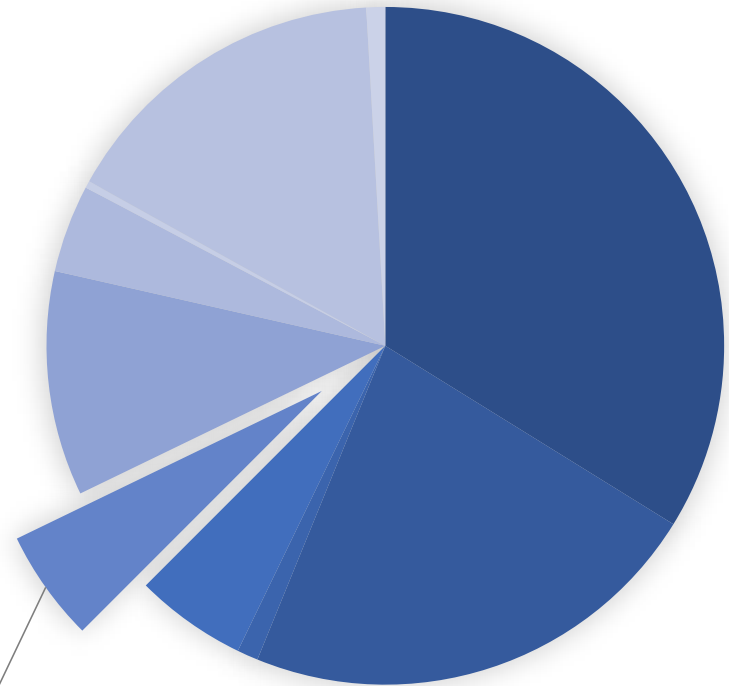
Name	Expanding Use of Technology
Amount	\$63,584,500
Recipients	Purchase smartphones, computers, and/or internet activation fees for people receiving HCBS to address functional needs, promote independence, and/or support community integration
Timeline	Timeline for contracting with third party to identify need for, purchase and distribute technology under development.



Expanding Use of Technology, \$63,584,500

HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	Providing Access to Additional Equipment or Devices
Amount	\$63,584,500
Recipients	Purchase eyeglasses, wheelchair transfer boards, and adaptive cooking equipment (as not otherwise available) to address functional needs, promote independence, and/or support community integration.
Timeline	Anticipate applications will be posted and due in December 2021, and that funds will be distributed through February 2022.

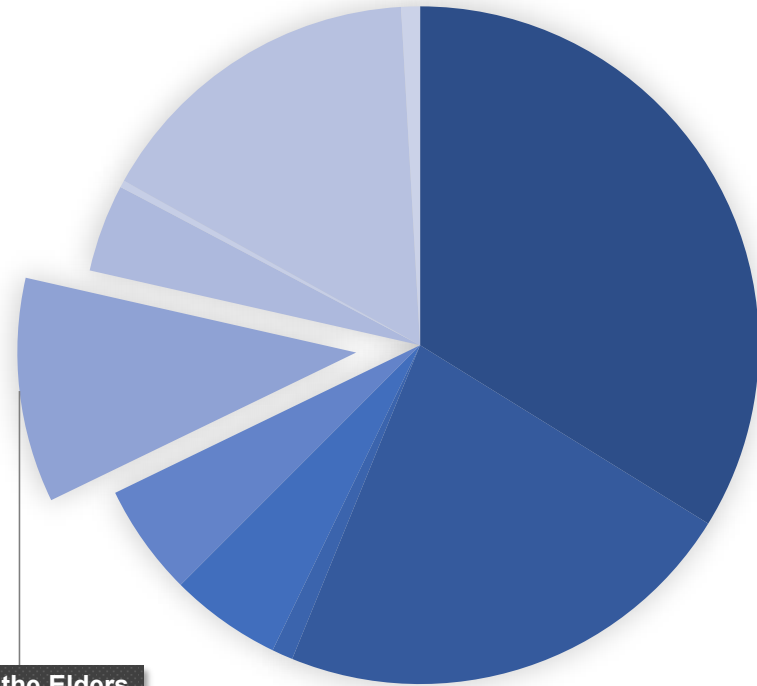


Providing Access to Additional Equipment or Devices, \$63,584,500



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	Home Care for Elders
Amount	\$127,932,000
Recipients	Supports care for Floridians aged 60 and older in family-type living arrangements within private homes, as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care.
Timeline	Anticipate contracts/agreements and budget authority with sister agency established, recipient assessments complete, and funds begin to go out March 2022.



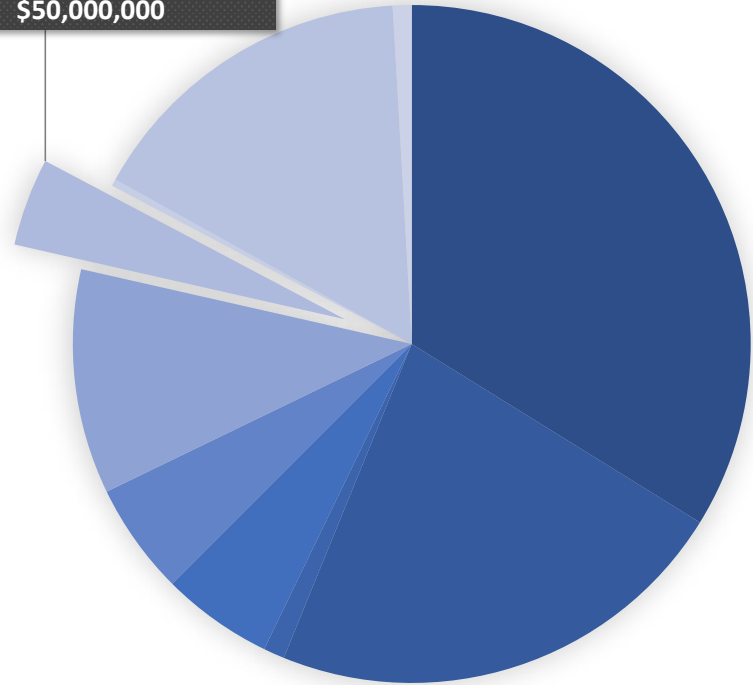
Home Care for the Elders,
\$127,932,000



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, \$50,000,000

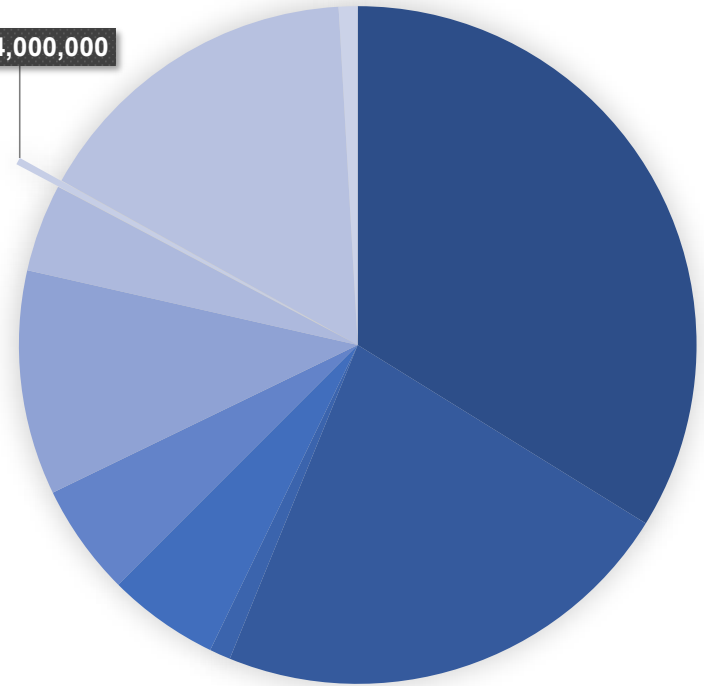
Name	Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
Amount	\$50,000,000
Description	Assist eligible individuals in receiving mental health services, substance use treatment and recovery services, and necessary rehabilitative services to
Timeline	Anticipate applications will be posted and due in December 2021, and that funds will be distributed through February 2022.



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	Implementation
Amount	\$4,000,000
Description	Use contracted services funding to assist with implementation activities and required reporting.
Timeline	Funding to support Agency activities relating the ARPA HCBS project through SFY 2022-2023.

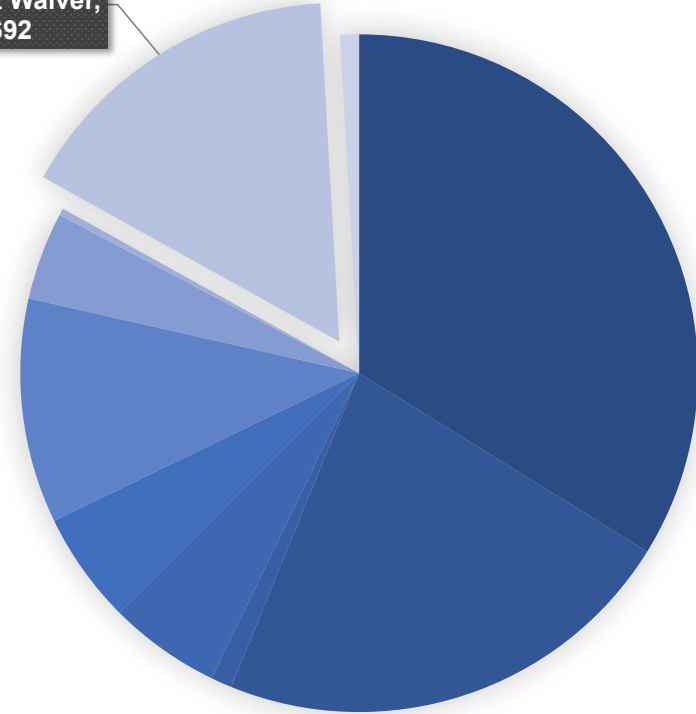
Implementation, \$4,000,000



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

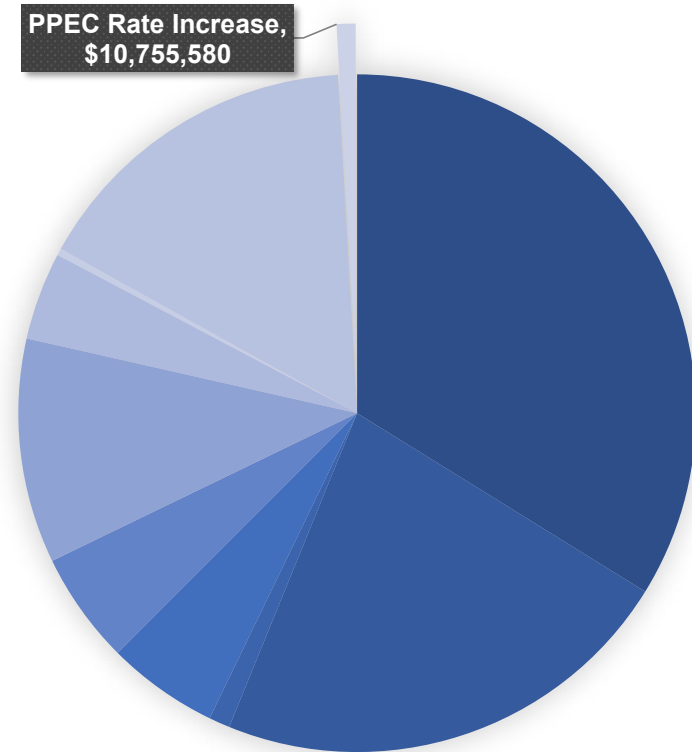
Name	Expand iBudget Waiver
Amount	\$191,333,692
Recipients	Expand the Home and Community Based Services Waiver by removing the greatest number of individuals permissible under the additional funding from the waiting list.
Timeline	Concurrent with SFY 2021-2022 expenditures.

Expand iBudget Waiver,
\$191,333,692



HCBS SPENDING PLAN

Name	Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Rate Increase
Amount	\$10,755,580
Recipients	Increasing provider rates to assist eligible children with medically complex conditions to receive continual medical care.
Timeline	New reimbursement rate was effective July 1, 2021





NEXT STEPS

As the Agency prepares for the implementation of these activities next steps include:

- Legislative Budget Commission Approval
- Interagency Workgroup Planning for Implementation
- Stakeholder Engagement and Input
- Application Process & Documentation

