

Apple Health and Homes Rental Assistance Program drawing process outline

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Background

The pilot Apple Health and Homes Rental Assistance Program (AHAH-RAP) connects supportive housing services with rental assistance. Foundational Community Supports Supportive Housing (FCS-SH) enrollees who qualify will be entered into a randomized, weighted drawing that will be conducted to provide selected awardees with a chance to receive a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) voucher. Further information can be viewed at:

- [Apple Health and Homes \(AHAH\)](#)
- [Washington's Foundational Community Supports \(FCS\)](#)

Timeline of the drawing process:

1. FCS-SH providers submit the *FCS Supportive Housing Assessment* and complete the Apple Health and Homes Rental Assistance Program (AHAH-RAP) section.
2. Wellpoint compiles the received data to apply weighting factors to the AHAH-RAP drawing:
 - a. Please note that *FCS-SH Assessments* received three business days or less before the upcoming drawing will be included in the following drawing.
3. Wellpoint conducts a drawing for each region (10 regions) in collaboration with state partners:
 - a. A randomized regional drawing is performed using a random selection function.
4. The FCS-SH enrollees are drawn for the AHAH-RAP Tenant-Based Rental Assistance voucher, becoming AHAH-RAP awardees.
5. Wellpoint sends a welcome letter to the awardee and their provider.
6. The provider, with the awardee, completes the [AHAH Awardee Profile](#).
7. Wellpoint enters the profile information into the Department of Commerce's data system.
8. A shopping letter is generated based on the information provided in the [AHAH Awardee Profile](#), and the voucher is reserved.
9. Wellpoint sends the shopping letter to the awardee and provider to secure housing.
10. The awardee's housing situation is assessed:
 - a. If the awardee has found housing, the provider works with the awardee to fill out the voucher and landlord packet documents from our [AHAH website](#). The provider uploads packet documents through the [AHAH Awardee Profile](#).

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- b. If the awardee has not found housing, the provider works with the awardee to find housing. Once housing has been identified, follow the steps in 10a.
- 11. Wellpoint sends completed packet documents to the Department of Commerce.
- 12. The voucher is approved by the Department of Commerce.
- 13. Wellpoint enters any changes in the awardee's information (for example, income change) into the Department of Commerce's data system.

Through our efforts, we can help eligible FCS-SH enrollees access rental assistance.