

## *Foundational Community Supports Transition Assistance Program Quick Reference Guide*

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### What is the role of Wellpoint?

As the TPA of the FCS program, Wellpoint manages the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) funds, which serves enrollees of the FCS Supportive Housing program. Wellpoint provides administrative oversight of TAP including contracting, authorizations, payment, quality assurance, and reporting.

### What is the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)?

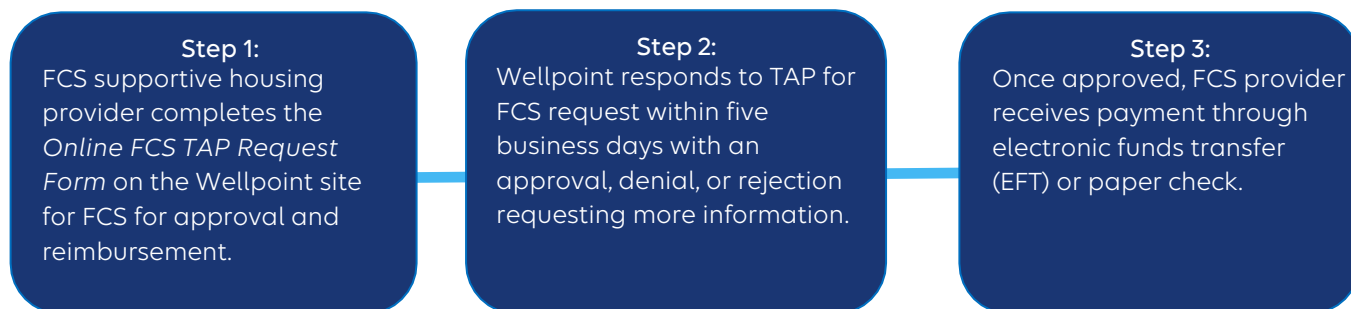
TAP is a program designed to support Foundational Community Supports-Supportive Housing (FCS-SH) enrollees. It is time-limited, flexible funding assistance that covers housing-related fees, including move-in costs, first and last month's rent, deposits, and non-refundable fees. TAP aligns with the Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance program (CBRA), Section 8 (project-based and Housing Choice Voucher), and other longer-term rental assistance programs.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible for TAP, an FCS-SH enrollee must meet the following criteria:

- Active FCS-eligible Medicaid. See the [FCS Medicaid Eligibility Check \(PDF\)](#).
- Authorized by Wellpoint to receive FCS supportive housing services and active FCS-SH enrollment segments in Provider One. See the [FCS Enrollment Inquiry Process Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- Experiencing a behavioral health treatment need
- Moving into housing

## How do I request TAP funding with FCS for an SH enrollee?



## What is covered and how much is covered?

FCS-SH enrollees must be making housing transitions to access TAP funding. Providers will need to have an attestation form from the enrollee that states the individual is moving. FCS-SH enrollees can use TAP funding with a maximum spending amount of \$5,000 per 12-month period. TAP funds are not guaranteed.

All TAP requests must be pre-approved prior to spending the funds for the enrollee. No backdated TAP requests will be accepted.

TAP funding will be split into two funding periods. The first will be \$1,350,000 available July 1, 2024, and the second will be \$1,350,000 available January 1, 2025.

Below are TAP-eligible items and the rate of each item that we can pay up to. Amounts over the can spend amount must be submitted as an ETP.

TAP for FCS funding category	Items covered	Can spend
IDs and other documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identification documents/cards</li><li>• Birth certificates</li><li>• Social Security cards</li></ul>	Up to \$80 each
Application fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rental application fees</li><li>• Background check</li><li>• Credit check</li></ul>	Up to \$100 each
Transitional housing fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fees associated with entering certain transitional housing such as urinalysis</li></ul>	Up to \$100 each
Moving expenses <i>*Can be used once per 12-month period.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving vehicle rental</li><li>• Moving supplies</li></ul>	Up to \$300 total

<b>Move-in assistance</b> <i>*Can be used once per 12-month period.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security, pet, and/or damage deposits</li> <li>• First and last month's rent</li> <li>• Any appropriate and reasonable non-refundable fees (fees may be annualized)</li> </ul>	<b>Up to \$5,000 total:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly rent must be under 120% fair market rent (FMR)</li> <li>• Enrollee must have the ability to pay ongoing rent with or without long-term rental assistance.</li> </ul>
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## What items require an exception to policy (ETP) request?

An ETP can be requested if an item is not listed on the approved list above and is a barrier to housing transition or if seeking funding beyond \$5,000 per 12-month period, with up to \$1,500 available to cover certain home essentials and sustainability items.

TAP for FCS funding category	Items covered	Can spend
Home essentials & sustainability items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mattress</li> <li>• Small household appliances</li> <li>• Light furnishings</li> <li>• Cleaning supplies</li> </ul>	<b>ETP required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum spending amount for any combination of these items: \$1,500</li> </ul>
<b>Arrears</b>  <b>Note:</b> A rental ledger reflecting the amount requested must be sent to TransitionAssistanceFCS@wellpoint.com at the time of the request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utility</li> <li>• Rental</li> <li>• Storage</li> </ul>	<b>ETP required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum spending amount for past-due rents and rental arrearages: \$1,500</li> </ul>
Home modifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonably priced home modifications approved by landlords</li> </ul>	<b>ETP required</b>

TAP cannot cover the following:

- Phone purchases or repairs
- Vehicle purchases or repairs
- RV/trailer purchases or repairs
- Washer/dryer unit purchases or repairs
- Stove/oven purchases or repairs
- Medical copays

- Personal hygiene products (for example, deodorant, soap)
- Debt beyond any related to a previous housing circumstance where rent and/or utilities are owed
- Disbursal of funding directly to an enrollee
- Clothing
- Transportation costs