

Provider update

Foundational Community Supports Transition Assistance Program Quick Reference Guide

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What is the role of Amerigroup Washington, Inc.?

As the TPA of the FCS program, Amerigroup manages the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) funds, which serves enrollees of the FCS Supportive Housing program. Amerigroup provides administrative oversight of TAP including contracting, authorizations, reimbursement, 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*.
- Authorized by Amerigroup to receive FCS supportive housing services and active FCS-SH enrollment segments in Provider One. See the FCS Enrollment Inquiry Process Guide.
- Experiencing a behavioral health treatment need.

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

Step 1:

FCS supportive housing provider completes the *Online FCS TAP*Reimbursement Request Form on the Amerigroup site for FCS for approval and reimbursement.

Step 2:

Amerigroup responds to TAP for FCS request within five business days with an approval, denial, or rejection requesting more information.

Step 3:

Once approved, FCS provider receives reimbursement through electronic funds transfer (EFT) or paper check.

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What is covered and how much is covered?

FCS-SH enrollees must be making housing transitions to access TAP funding. FCS-SH enrollees can use TAP funding with a maximum spending amount of \$5,000 per 12-month period.

Below are TAP reimbursable items and the reimbursement rate of each item.

TAP for FCS funding category	Items covered	Can spend
IDs and other documentation	Identification documents/cardsBirth certificatesSocial Security cards	Up to \$80 each
Application fees	Rental application feesBackground checkCredit check	Up to \$100 each
Transitional housing fees	Fees associated with entering certain transitional housing such as urinalysis	Up to \$100 each
Moving expenses	Moving vehicle rentalMoving supplies	Up to \$300 total
Move-in assistance	 Security, pet, and/or damage deposits First and last month's rent Any appropriate and reasonable non-refundable fees (fees may be annualized) 	 Up to \$5,000 total: Monthly rent must be under 120% Fair Market Rent (FMR) Enrollee must have ability to pay ongoing rent with or without long-term rental assistance

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	 Mattress Small household appliances Light furnishings Cleaning supplies 	 Maximum spending amount for any combination of these items: \$1,500
Arrears Note: A rent ledger reflecting the amount requested must be sent to TransitionAssistanceFCS@ Amerigroup.com at the time of the request	 Utility Rental Storage	Maximum spending amount for past-due rents and rental arrearages: \$5,000
Home modifications	Reasonably priced home modifications approved by landlords	ETP required

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, etc.)
- 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



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