

Health-Related Social Needs Overview



Health-Related Social Needs services are new supports offered through Apple Health (Medicaid). They focus on non-medical needs—such as housing, food, and caregiver support—that have a significant impact on health. These services are part of Washington’s Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0 and are available through June 30, 2028.

Under MTP 2.0, HRSN services include:

- HRSN screening and referrals
- Housing transition navigation services
- Rent and temporary housing services
- Medical respite care
- Caregiver respite
- Nutrition supports
- Home accessibility modifications, remediation, and adaptation
- Transportation for non-emergency, non-medical needs
- Personal care and homemaker services

To maximize access and screening for eligible Apple Health enrollees, the Health Care Authority is establishing various service delivery pathways. This document describes the HRSN benefits Home and Community Living Administration will implement through:

- Home and Community Services
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Developmental Disabilities Community Services
- Apple Health clients eligible for HRSN benefits when not enrolled in LTSS

Each pathway listed above anticipates launching HRSN services in phases.



Below are the HRSN services HCLA will implement:

HRSN Service	Description
Rent and temporary housing services (HCS launched in February 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent/temporary housing provides stable independent living situations for people transitioning out of institutional care or congregate settings who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.• Payment may cover rent and/or short-term, temporary stays for up to six months.
Caregiver respite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caregiver respite services provide intermittent temporary supervision on a short-term basis.• Services provided to the client may include attending to the person's basic self-help needs and other activities of daily living, including interaction, socialization, and continuation of usual daily routines that would ordinarily be performed by an unpaid caregiver.
Nutrition supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nutrition counseling and education• Medically Tailored Meals• Pantry stocking for those under 21 and/or for pregnant individuals• Fruit and vegetable provisions• LTSS enrolled individuals• Short-term grocery provisions for LTSS enrolled individuals
Home modifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental accessibility, remediation and adaptation services provide physical changes to a home necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual or enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home.

While each HRSN service has a specific eligibility criteria, an individual must meet the following general eligibility criteria:

1. Be enrolled in Apple Health (Medicaid).
2. Meet clinical risk factor criteria for the service.
3. Meet social risk factor criteria for the service.
4. Be a medically appropriate service for the individual.

Detailed information on each HRSN service and eligibility requirements can be found on the: [Approved Protocols](#)

For information on rates: [Approved Rate Methodology](#).

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