



Request for Applications

2025 Medical Respite Care Infrastructure Support



Application Deadline: November 21, 2025

Elevate Health Background

Elevate Health is a Pierce County-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all Pierce County residents through fostering and strengthening community connection, equity, and innovation.

As one of Washington's nine Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), Elevate Health acts as a backbone to enable and operationalize community-based, community-wide care coordination and resource navigation. Our mission is to narrow the gaps between unmet health and social needs and the delivery of health and social care. Elevate Health is committed to the principle that all should be treated with equity, dignity, and respect, no matter their station in life. To achieve these objectives, Elevate Health partners with local organizations, community groups, community members, and other stakeholders to uplift community voice in pursuit of *whole-person health* for those who live, work, and play in Pierce County.

Context and Purpose

Medical respite care (MRC) plays a vital role in community health by providing short-term, recovery-focused care for people who do not have a stable and safe place to heal but are not sick enough to stay in the hospital. Without access to medical respite, individuals often cycle in and out of hospitals, face worsening health conditions, and drive higher overall health care costs. MRC is a health-related social needs (HRSN) service covered under Washington State's Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0 (MTP 2.0) 1115 waiver.

Currently, Pierce County does not have any Medicaid-eligible medical respite beds. This funding is intended to build the infrastructure needed to make Medicaid-eligible medical respite services available, addressing a critical gap in our community's continuum of care.

Funding Timeline

Application deadline: November 21, 2025

Funding decision deadline: December 10, 2025

Funding period: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026



Eligibility Overview

Organizations may qualify under one of the following two categories:

1. Current Medical Respite Providers

Organizations that already provide medical respite care to eligible Apple Health (Medicaid) clients and meet all the following criteria:

- Provide medical respite care to federally funded Apple Health clients who meet program eligibility.
- Are one or more of the following types of providers:
 - Licensed physical health providers
 - Licensed behavioral health providers
 - Providers of transitional housing support
 - Case managers
 - Home health agencies
- Are enrolled in ProviderOne or have submitted an enrollment application.
- Have a signed provider agreement with the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA).
- Have an active contract with a managed care organization (MCO) to provide medical respite services.
- Can create and submit a budget showing how the funds will be used for allowable medical respite care expenses.

2. Prospective Medical Respite Providers

Organizations that do not currently meet all eligibility criteria and are interested in becoming a medical respite provider, and meet all the following criteria:

- Have the capacity and commitment to meet the full eligibility requirements.
- Attest that they will meet all eligibility requirements within one year of receiving funding. If an organization does not meet the criteria within one year, **then all awarded funds will need to be returned.**

Additional Requirements for Interested Organizations

- Hold a valid Washington State business license
- Adhere to all insurance requirements and guidelines as outlined by HCA.
- Must comply with [Federal Supplanting Guidelines](#)
- Must operate in Pierce County, WA and serve residents of Pierce County, WA

Funding Overview

Total funding available: \$215,800

Applicants may request up to \$215,800 in their application. However, applying does not guarantee funding, and award amounts may be less than what is requested.

- The number of awards and the amount each applicant receives will depend on:
 - How many applications are submitted.
 - The strength of each proposal and readiness to provide medical respite.
 - Alignment with allowable uses of infrastructure funding under the MTP 2.0 1115 waiver.

Allowable Expense Categories

Requested funds should be allocated across the following categories:

Technology

- Procuring Information Technology (IT) infrastructure and data platforms (authorization, referrals, billing, delivery, oversight).
- Modifying existing systems (e.g., community information exchange) to support service delivery.
- Developing HRSN service eligibility screening tools.
- Integrating data platforms, systems, and tools.
- Supporting the adoption of IT and data systems.

Business/Operational Practices

- Policies and procedures for:
 - Referral and service delivery workflows
 - Billing and invoicing
 - Data sharing and reporting
 - Oversight and monitoring
 - Evaluation
 - Privacy/confidentiality
- Training and technical assistance on HRSN program roles.
- Administrative/overhead costs related to HRSN duties or capacity building.
- Development/implementation of community hubs.

Allowable Expense Categories Continued

Workforce Development

- Hiring staff that support building infrastructure and not direct service staff.
- Training on HRSN policies and procedures.
- Salary/benefits for staff supporting HRSN implementation prior to launch.
- Certifications, technical assistance, or education (e.g., culturally competent or trauma-informed care).
- Privacy/confidentiality training.
- Production costs for training materials/expert support.

Outreach, Education & Stakeholder Convening

- Development and production of outreach/education materials.
- Translation of materials.
- Development of culturally competent materials.
- Planning/facilitation of community-based outreach events.
- Learning collaboratives or stakeholder convenings.
- Community engagement activities supporting HRSN launch.
- Administrative/overhead costs related to outreach/education.

Unallowable Expense Categories

The following costs cannot be covered by this funding:

- Expenses already eligible for other Medicaid payments
- Expenses reimbursed through other infrastructure funding, such as:
 - Foundational community supports
 - Aging and long-term support administration
- Ongoing operational costs, including:
 - Regular staffing
 - Patient care
 - Day-to-day provider expenses
- Capital expenses, such as:
 - Construction
 - Facility purchases
 - Furniture, fixtures, or equipment



Application Overview

How to apply:

- Complete the Medical Respite Care 2025 online application
- **Submission Deadline: 4:00pm PST on November 21, 2025**
 - No late applications will be accepted.

Selection and Timeline:

- Applications received by the **November 21, 2025 deadline** will be reviewed and scored by a committee to include medical respite professionals, community members, and Elevate Health staff. The committee may request additional information or clarification from applicants during the review process.
- Award decisions will be made by **December 10, 2025**, and applicants will be notified shortly after.
- Successful applicants will receive their award amount and instructions for receiving funds.
- Awardees must sign a funding agreement (binding letter of agreement) with Elevate Health that outlines all terms and conditions before funds are released.
- The funding period is **January 1, 2026– December 31, 2026**.



Payment and Deliverables Overview:

Funding will be released based on the milestones below. Milestones are weighed based on their expected difficulty. If all milestones are not met by December 31, 2026, then **funding must be returned (or a no cost extension may be considered based on significant milestone completion).**

Milestone	Deliverable	Why it matters	Percent of funding
Agree to follow Medicaid billing for medical respite	Signed attestation form	Ready to bill correctly for eligible patients	15%
Complete HCA paperwork for medical respite providers	Completed and submitted HCA attestation form with emailed proof	Required paperwork to bill for services	20%
Enroll and get authorized in ProviderOne for billing	Verification from HCA confirming successful enrollment and authorization	Ensures ability to bill Medicaid for services	25%
Secure a contract with at least one MCO	Copy of contract or signed attestation confirming agreement	Ready to deliver services and relates to a partner MCO	40%

Reporting:

- Participate in regular check-in meetings to report on expenditure and progress and address questions or challenges.
- Provide documentation, when needed, showing how the funding was used and the results achieved.

More about Elevate Health and Medical Respite Care

Elevate Health, Pierce County's Accountable Community of Health (ACH), is partnering with the Washington State Health Care Authority to strengthen local MRC infrastructure. www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/medical-respite-care-faqs.pdf

MRC provides post-acute recuperative care for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have qualifying acute medical conditions that don't require hospitalization but prevent them from recovering safely on the street.

Current MRC providers should consult the [Physician-Related Services/Health-Care Professional Services Billing Guide](#). Organizations interested in becoming MRC providers can find more information on the [MRC website](#).

The MTP is Washington State's Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver, allowing the state to develop innovative projects to improve health care for Apple Health (Medicaid) enrollees. Renewed in June 2023 as MTP 2.0, this initiative expands programs and services to better support vulnerable populations.

MTP 2.0 also funds services addressing health related social needs—such as food insecurity, unstable housing, unemployment, and transportation barriers—that impact health outcomes and contribute to health disparities.

Legal Disclaimer:

This funding announcement does not commit Elevate Health to fund a contract to pay any costs incurred in preparing a response to this RFA. Elevate Health reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFA, to negotiate with all qualified sources, to postpone funding or to cancel in part or in its entirety if it is in the best interest of Elevate Health to do so.

We look forward to receiving your applications and working with you to create a healthy Pierce County for all!

For additional assistance, please contact us at rfp@elevatehealth.org.

