

QIVAPP Funds Expected Soon

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The Quality Incentive Vital Access Provider Pool (QIVAPP) is a New York State Medicaid initiative designed to stabilize home care agencies in New York City while strengthening the workforce that makes home care possible. HCP's Public Policy team usually receives the list of QIVAPP awards by plan and agency and shares that information with individual providers as soon as we receive it. We recently spoke with the Department of Health (DOH/the Department) and have verified that funds are in final review by the Division of the Budget. The funds are anticipated to be released around the end of this month.

Purpose of QIVAPP

- Support wage parity: The program helps agencies offset the costs of state-mandated wage and benefit increases for home health aides and personal care aides.
- Promote quality in home care: By tying funding to quality standards and employee benefits, QIVAPP encourages agencies to invest in their workforce, leading to more consistent, reliable care.
- Improve patient outcomes: With better trained and more stable aides, patients are more likely to remain safely at home and avoid costly hospitalizations.

Eligibility & Funding

- Where it applies: QIVAPP is limited to Licensed Home Care Services Agencies (LHCSAs) serving Medicaid patients in New York City.
- Who qualifies: Agencies must meet criteria set by the Department, such as providing comprehensive health insurance or contributing to an employee health fund.
- How it works: Funding flows from the Department of Health to Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) plans, which then distribute payments to eligible agencies under their contracts.