

# Foundational Community Supports: Supportive Housing (FCS-SH)



## History

In 2017, Washington State and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized an agreement for a five-year Medicaid Transformation project to improve the state's health care systems, provide better health care, and control costs.

The research is clear — unemployment and job insecurity, homelessness, and unstable housing contribute to poor health. Homelessness is traumatic and cyclical; it puts people at risk for physical and mental health conditions and substance use disorders. Similarly, evidence links unemployment to poor physical and mental health outcomes, even in the absence of pre-existing conditions. Foundational Community Supports (FCS) — part of Washington's federally authorized, 5-year Medicaid Transformation — addresses these factors with targeted benefits for Supportive Housing and Supported Employment.

In 2018, FCS began providing targeted Supportive Housing and Supported Employment services for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries in Washington State.

For more information regarding ALISA FCS Supported Employment benefits, please see [LTC Manual Chapter 30c](#).

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