











# BetterOnline™ Web Portal User Manual for Service Coordinators:

New York State Department of Health

Bureau of Medicaid Waivers

Housing Payment Services for TBI & NHTD Participants

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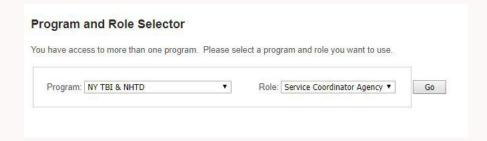
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## 1. Creating a Budget

- 1. Login into the Web Portal with your username and password
  - a) <a href="https://fms.publicpartnerships.com/PPLPortal/">https://fms.publicpartnerships.com/PPLPortal/</a>
  - Please contact your RRDC if you do not know your username/password or your account is locked.



2. Select your appropriate role: Service Coordinator Agency or Service Coordinator (these roles are identical and either one is capable of creating and editing budgets).



3. You'll arrive at either the Participant Search page or Service Coordinator Search page depending on the role you've selected in Step 2. If the latter, please locate the dark green menu bar on the top of the page and click on the link called Participant Search.



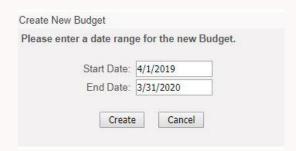
- 4. The Participant Search page has four search fields. To search for your participant, please type either his/her first or last name, PPL ID or telephone number in the appropriate field and then click the search button.
  - a) Please Note: The spelling of your participant's name may vary between our records and yours. You do not have to type the full first/last name in order to search for participants. Simply the first initial of either first or last name will produce results.
  - If you are unable to find an existing participant, please contact your RRDC. In most cases, the participant is simply not associated to your Service Agency.
  - o) If the participant is new to TBI or NHTD Housing, please notify your RRDC and they will enroll the new participant.
- 5. Upon finding your participant, you will notice two columns containing links at the right of your screen: Participant Profile and Service Referrals.
  - a) Click on the link called Service Referrals.

Participant Profile	Service Referrals
Participant Profile	Service Referrals

6. You will arrive to the participant's Budget Summary page.



- You will notice that the participant has a current budget with an End Date of 3/31/2019. This budget and the service referrals (monthly subsidies) within it will expire at that time.
- In order for your participant to continue receiving his or her subsidy after 3/31/2019, you must create a new budget with an updated Start and End Date of 4/1/2019 to 3/31/2020.
- 7. To create a new budget, click on the New Budget button. You'll notice that a gray box will appear prompting you to enter the new Start Date and End Date.
  - a) Please enter 4/1/2019 for the Start Date.
  - b) Please enter 3/31/2020 for the End Date.
  - c) The click the Create button.
  - d) The budget dates do not correspond to your participant's lease dates. Please only enter the dates mentioned above.
  - e) If you made an error entering the dates, simply delete the erroneous budget by clicking on the trash can icon.



8. Congratulations! You have just created a new budget for your participant. Please

continue to the next section to create your participant's recurring service referral(s)/monthly subsidies.

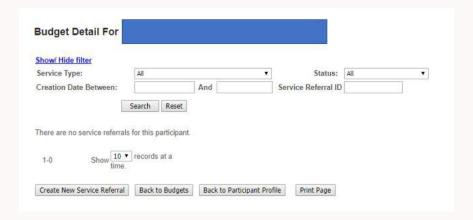
Budget successfully created.						
Id	Start	End	Allocated	Spent	Detail	Action
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13020000	12/1/2011	3/31/2012	\$3,928.00	\$3,928.00	Budget Detail	
24780000	4/1/2012	3/31/2013	\$11,949.00	\$11,949.00	Budget Detail	
38060000	4/1/2013	3/31/2014	\$13,142.96	\$13,142.96	Budget Detail	Ŀ
55060000	4/1/2014	3/31/2015	\$12,503.00	\$12,503.00	Budget Detail	
68040000	4/1/2015	3/31/2016	\$13,233.00	\$13,233.00	Budget Detail	Ŀ
79320000	4/1/2016	3/31/2017	\$13,896.00	\$11,580.00	Budget Detail	
83370000	4/1/2017	3/31/2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	Budget Detail	Ľ Ī
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New Budget Back to Participant Profile Print Page						

# 2.Creating Recurring Service Referrals (Monthly Subsidies)

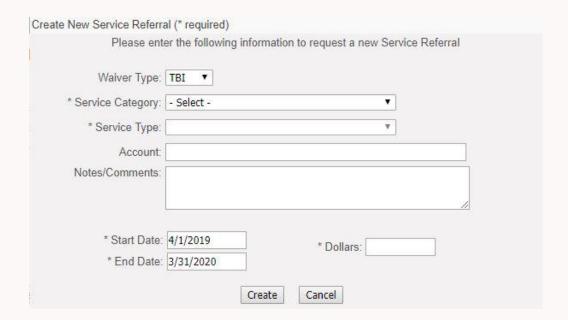
1. Once you've created your new budget with the correct Start (4/1/2019) and End (3/31/2020) Dates, please click on the link called Budget Details for new budget period.



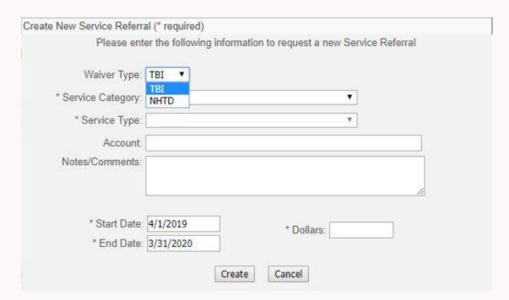
2. You will arrive to your participant's Budget Detail page. This page will contain all the recurring service referrals (monthly subsidy payments) for the 2019-2020 Budget period.



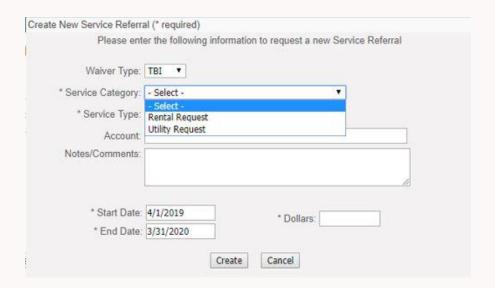
3. As you've just created this new budget, there won't be any current service referrals listed. In order to create a new service referral, please click on the Create New Service Referral button and refer to the following instructions:



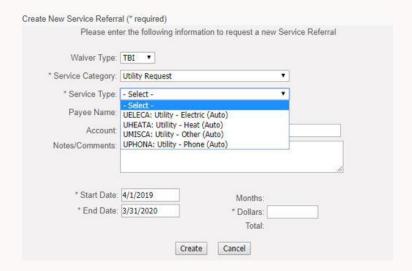
- <sup>a)</sup> Upon clicking said button, a grey box titled Create New Service Referral will appear. You will notice several fields. You must complete each required field in succession, starting with Service Category, before creating the service referral.
  - i. Waiver Type: Please select either TBI or NHTD



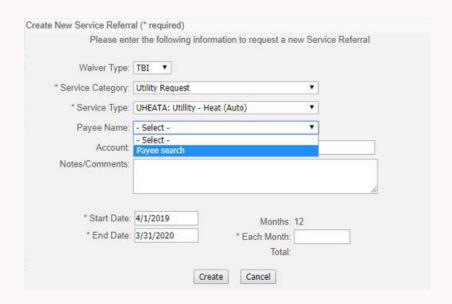
ii. Service Category: Please select either Rental Request or Utility Request, depending on the subsidy.



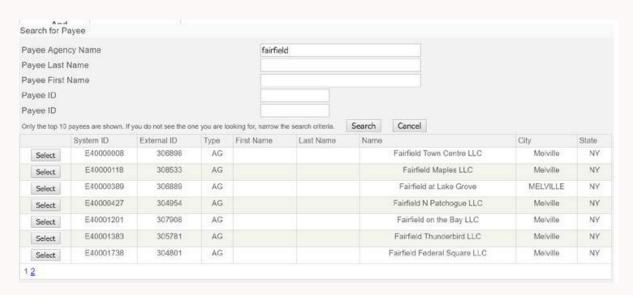
iii. Service Type: If you chose Rental Request, **RRENTA:** Housing – Rent Subsidy (auto)will be automatically selected. If you chose Utility Request, select the appropriate(auto) subsidy: **UELECA**, **UHEATA**, **UMISCA**, or **UPHONA** (e.g. National Fuel =UHEATA; National Grid = UELECA; Verizon = UPHONA).



iv. Payee Name: This field will appear upon selecting a Service Type. If the subsidy is a utility, a list of utility companies will appear in a dropdown menu. If a rent subsidy, click on the dropdown menu and select Payee search. Upon doing so, an additional gray search box will appear. Type the name of the landlord/management company in the **Payee Agency Name** search field only, and then click search.



Please make sure that the payee you select is the correct landlord for your participant. Many payees have similar names, but ultimately have different addresses. If you cannot find the payee or are unsure, please contact your RRDC. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF A PAYEE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE RRDC.



This field is required to have the account number from the utility company for the participant. If this is not entered, the account number will not be generated on the payment from PPL and the participants utility account will not be credited for payments made. Please confirm the account number.

v. Account: Whatever is entered in this field will appear on the check's memo line when PPL prints and mails it. IF YOU ARE CREATING A SERVICE REFERRAL FOR A UTILITY SUBSIDY YOU, THEN MUST ENTER THE PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNT

NUMBER THAT APPEARS ON HIS/HER UTILITY BILL; OTHERWISE, YOUR PARTICIPANT'S FUNDS WILL NOT DISTRIBUTE PROPERLY TO HIS/HER UTILITY ACCOUNT. FOR RENT, YOU MUST ENTER THE PARTICIPANT'S STREET ADDRESS AND APARTMENT NUMBER IF APPLICABLE. The Participant's name will automatically appear on the check so there is no need to type it in the field.

Account:	1414985-1235123-123125125S

vi. Notes/Comments: This field is optional. You may enter any notes that you deem relevant to this subsidy for future reference. This field should not be confused for the Account field.

Notes/Comments:	PPL is the best!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	
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vii. Start Date & End Date: Both these fields will automatically populate and reflect the dates of the budget period (4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020). **Do not change the Start and End Date**, unless the RRDC gives you permission.

Waiver Type:	TBI ▼			
Service Category:	Rental Request		▼]	
* Service Type:	RRENTA: Housing	- Rent Subsidy (auto)	•	
Payee Name:	John - TEST LL Fox - TEST LL		•	
A	122 Evanuela Avanu		r 4455Fl	
Account:	123 Example Avent	ue, Apt 456, Brooklyn, N\	11235	
Notes/Comments:	123 Example Aveni	ue, Apt 456, Brooklyn, NY	11235	
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viii. Months: This field is automatically calculated and determines the number of months (12)within the budget period (4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020).

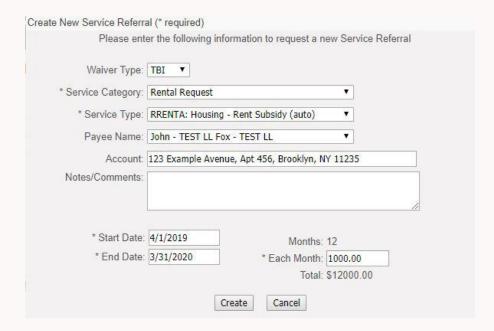
#### Months: 12

ix. Each Month: In this field you will enter the monthly DOH subsidy amount/rate.

Please do not include the dollar symbol (\$) or comma (,).

* Each Month:	1000.00
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Once all the necessary information is entered in the fields, click the Create button. If at this time you've realized that you've made a mistake (incorrect/missing account number, wrong payee, etc.), please delete the service referral using the trash icon under the Action column and create the service referral again following the steps above.



The service referral will now appear on the Budget Detail page. You'll notice that the status of the subsidy is currently "Submitted". The service referral must be first approved by the RRDC before being paid. Please follow up with the RRDC once the authorization(s) have been created so they know to go in and review and approve the authorizations.



If you click the Month link under the Authorized By column, you'll see the detail payments for each month during the period. As per our example, you'll notice that each month's Line Total equals \$1,000.00, and when you add all the months up the Grand Line Total is \$12,000.00 for the period (\$1,000.00 x 12 months). Always check the monthly amounts after creating a new service referral to confirm the subsidy was entered in correctly.

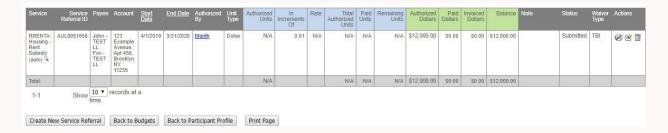


- e) If applicable, repeat this process as needed for additional recurring service referrals.
- f) Please continue onto the next section to learn how to edit a recurring service referral.

# 3. Editing Recurring Service Referrals

During the budget period (4/1/19 – 3/31/20), subsidies may change, participants may move or dis-enroll from the housing program, etc. Whatever the reason may be, you are responsible for continuously managing/monitoring your participant's budget by keeping his/her service referrals up-to-date. Please refer to the instructions below to assist you in this task.

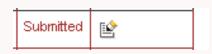
- 1. Subsidy Changes increases, decreases, or stops during the year.
  - a) First locate the service referral in the current budget (4/1/19 3/31/20).



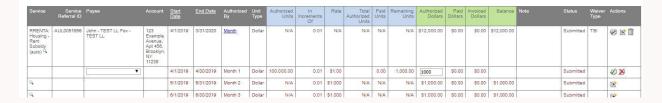
Upon finding the recurring service referral in question, click on its Month link under the Authorized By column. This action will expand the recurring service referral displaying each individual month during the period (e.g. Month 1 = April, Month 12 = March)



To edit the subsidy amount for a particular month, click the Edit This Line icon located under the Action column. This action will allow you to edit the Line Total field for that particular month.



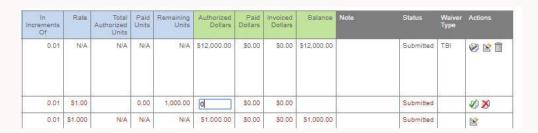
This action will allow you to edit the Line Total field for that particular month.



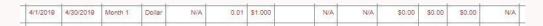
d) Upon entering the new monthly subsidy, click the Save icon (green check mark) and continue to do the same for the remaining months. Note: You cannot edit a Month that has already been paid.



e) If the subsidy needs to be stopped, enter 0 in the Line Total for each of the remaining unpaid months.



Upon saving, the Line Total for a particular month, it will read "N/A".



f) Please Note: If the participant disenrolls from the program, you still need to stop his/her service referrals as shown above. If a participant switches waivers, you will need to stop his/her current service referrals and create new service referrals under the new waiver dropdown.

## 4. Creating One Time Payments

Throughout the budget period, it is typical to issue auxiliary payments related to your participant's recurring rental subsidy. The payments, dubbed "One Time Payments", usually encompass security deposits, late fees, and broker fees. These one time payments are created through the Payment Request page on Web Portal.



1. To get started, first select the Payee (or Landlord) associated with the participant(s). To do so, click on the magnifying glass icon near the Payee ID field.

Payee ID:	٩

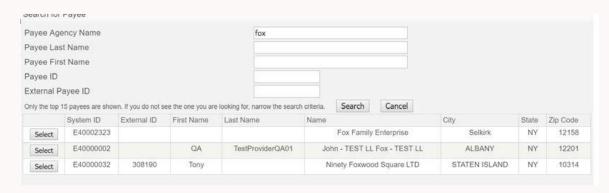
2. Enter in the landlord's name in the Payee Agency Name field. Click Search button. Click on the Select button of the applicable payee.

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#### Please include the following information.

Program Name (NY TBI or NY NHTD)
Participant's Name
Participant's address (associated with the program)

#### Participant's PPL ID number What funds are being sent to PPL for (returning Security Deposit).



3. Once you've selected the landlord, the screen will update to include the Participant's information as well as the payment information.



- 4. To select the participant, click on the magnifying glass near the Participant field.
- 5. Enter your participant's name in the appropriate search fields. Then click the Search Button. Click the Select Button.

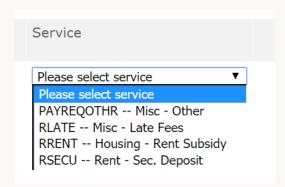


6. Once you've selected the participant, you'll be ready to complete the remaining fields:

a) <u>Date of Service:</u> this field should either contain the present date or a past date (within a week's time). **Do not enter a future date; this will create an error.** 



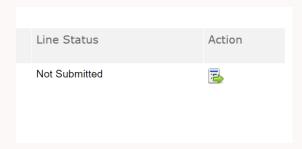
**b)** Service: Select the appropriate payment type from the dropdown menu.



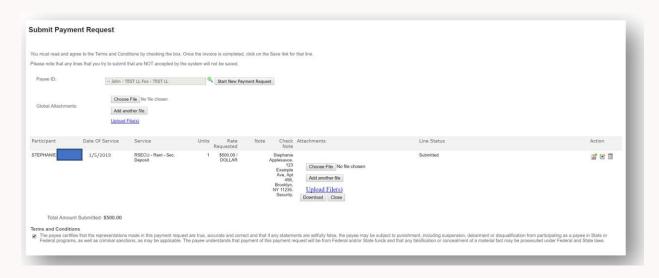
Rate Requested: Enter the amount of the one time payment requested. The Units field will default to 1.



d) <u>Check Note:</u> Whatever is typed into this field will appear in the check's memo line. Enter the participant's first and last name, his/her street address, and payment type.



e) The one time payment request will now be in submitted status and will need approval by the RRDC prior to being issued.



f) Like a recurring service referral, you can delete and modify the onetime payment by clicking the delete and edit icons, respectively, under the Action column.

### 5. Appendix

#### How is the DOH rental subsidy calculated?

- 1. Participant Income after Spend Down divided by 3 = Participant Portion
- 2. Full Rent Amount Participant Portion = DOH Rental Subsidy

#### **Example**

- Participant Income after Spend Down = \$785.00
- Full Rent Amount = \$600.00
- \$785.00 divided by 3 = \$261.67
- \$600 \$261.67 = \$338.33
- Participant Portion = \$261.67
- DOH Rental Subsidy Amount = \$338.33 (this is the amount you should enter when creating a service referral)

#### How is the DOH utility subsidy calculated?

- 1. Start with the Utility Budget Amount
- 2. 2/3 of Utility Budget Amount = DOH Utility Subsidy
- 3. 1/3 of the utility budget amount=Participant Portion

#### **Example**

- Utility Budget Amount=\$30.00
- 2/3 of the Utility Budget Amount = \$20.00
- 1/3 of the Utility Budget Amount = \$10.00
- Participant Portion = \$10.00
- DOH Utility Subsidy Amount = \$20.00 (this is the amount you should enter when creating a service referral)