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1. Does the EHCPLT apply to all Tranches?

At the bid level, the EHCPLT will **only** be applied to **preliminarily selected bids** in **Tranche-3**.

However, after the EHCPLT is applied to Tranche-3 preliminary selections, ARConnect will re-examine each provider’s entire portfolio of selections, calculating each provider’s total subsidy amount and total number of locations across all preliminary selections from all three tranches.

If any provider’s portfolio has an average subsidy per location for all their preliminary selections above the EHCPLT of $24,314, then ARConnect will enter direct negotiations with that provider to bring the average subsidy per location below the EHCPLT.

1. Can an applicant request a waiver for the EHCPLT?

No.

1. How will ARConnect handle carved out locations?

ARConnect is outlining that process and will provide additional details at a later date.

1. What was the average subsidy per location across the first 97% of selected bids?

The average subsidy per location across the first 97% of selected bids was $5,641.

1. Will the EHCPLT still be applied even in cases where the reference price for the CBG was above $24,314?

Yes.