



# 2024 WAIVER CHANGES

## Structured Family Caregiving

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Structured Family Caregiving (SFC) is a service available under the Aged & Disabled (soon to be the Health & Wellness/H&W) Waiver and Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver. As of July 1, 2024, it will also be available under the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver.

SFC pays a caregiver who provides daily care and support to a person living in their home. Eligible caregivers may be a non-family member or family member who lives with the individual in their home or the home of the caregiver. It does not include a foster parent.

The H&W, TBI, and CIH waivers all require SFC agencies to provide respite services. That requirement is built into the provider agency per diem. Therefore, respite cannot be billed separately to an individual's Medicaid Waiver. Transportation services are also built into SFC, so transportation cannot be billed separately.

Residential Habilitation on the CIH Waiver and Attendant Care, Adult Family Care, Assisted Living, and Home and Community Assistance duplicate services that SFC provides, so those services also cannot be billed separately.

Provider agencies must have contingency plans in place for emergencies and other times when the caregiver is not able to provide care.

### How are caregivers paid?

Provider agencies are paid a per diem, or daily, rate based on one of three level of care needs. The provider agency then pays the caregiver from that per diem. The amount paid to caregivers and frequency of payments varies by provider agency. Depending on the level of care and provider, payments may range from \$30 - \$70 per day.

## **What should I do now?**

It is important to begin thinking and planning now to learn if this is a service you want to use. Develop a list of questions to ask your case manager. Ask them what SFC tier your loved one falls into. Ask them to give you contact information for provider agencies. Contact several providers and ask what their guidelines are for paid caregivers and what you would be paid. Ask your case manager what other waiver services, Medicaid services, and/or natural supports can be added to your loved ones care plan.

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