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# Proposed Waiver Changes



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# Seeking More Consistency

- Align definitions across all waivers
- Align process for Grievance, Complaints and Incident Reports
- Align Human Rights' Councils
- All waivers will use Person Centered Individualized Support Plans (PCISP)
- All waivers will use Charting the LifeCourse and LifeCourse principles



# More Documentation

- Focus on outcomes and therapeutic benefit
- Additional documentation to include
  - Service rendered, including day and time
  - Name of person providing the service
  - Where the service was provided
  - What the individual did
  - Progress toward individual's goals



# Case Management

- Want to make consistent across all waivers
- 1915 b (4) waiver request
- Allows state to put more requirements on case management
- Allows state to limit the number of providers
  - Will allow regional providers
  - All regions will have at least two case management organizations
- Already published Request for Proposals
  - Current Case Management Organization may not be chosen
    - Will give three months to change; auto assigned if someone doesn't change



# Case Management Duties Adjusting

- More documentation
- Provide more oversight
  - Ensure individuals getting services
  - Ensure services are appropriate
  - Ensure the staff is appropriate
- More involvement with the grievance, complaint, and incident reporting process
- Ensure individuals and their desires are at the heart of waivers



# Case Management Accountability

- Ensure timely access to case management and waiver services
- Ensure timely completion of duties
- Limit case loads to an average of 47 cases per case manager
- Ensure case managers live in the county they serve or within 60 miles or 60 minutes of the individuals they serve



# Wait List Changes

- Started a Wait List for the CIH and TBI Waivers
- No adjustments to previously proposed slots
  - No additional slots for H&W or TBI Waivers
  - 24 additional slots for CIH Waiver
  - 762 additional slots for FSW
- Current Issues with FSW and CIH Waivers
- Leaving a group home will no longer qualify someone for a CIH Waiver



# Service Changes

- Benefits Counseling across all waivers will be limited to 6 hours per year
- Behavior Support Services (previously Behavior Management) on the TBI Waiver will mirror Behavior Support Services on the FSW and CIH Waivers
- Big changes in who can be paid to provide services



# Home Health Changes

- OMPP updated the Home Health Services Manual on 12-9-25
- For members receiving both Structured Family Caregiving and home health services, the direct care provider for each service cannot be the same individual.
- Home health services are not reimbursable if the individual's primary caregiver (whether paid or unpaid) is a paid provider of another Medicaid service – including Attendant Care and other HCBS waiver services – for that same individual. This is because home health reimbursement is allowable only when the primary caregivers are unavailable, and the caregiver cannot make themselves unavailable to allow the individual to qualify for home health services.



# Paid Caregivers for FSW and CIH Waivers

Effective Aug. 1, Relatives or Legal Guardians of adults can be paid for:

- PAC (FSW only; legal guardian cannot be paid if self-directed)
- Residential Habilitation (CIH; legal guardian cannot be paid if self-directed)
- Respite (legal guardian cannot be paid if self-directed)
- Structured Family Caregiving (CIH only)
- Transportation
- Workplace Assistance



# Paid Caregivers for FSW and CIH Waivers

- Legally Responsible Individuals (spouses or parents of minor children) can be paid for PAC services IF the waiver participant meets the definition of Extraordinary Care AND has Intensive Nursing Needs
  - Does not include behavioral needs
- CIH Waiver does not allow LRIs to be paid for services



# Paid Caregivers for FSW and CIH Waivers

- State will reduce the reimbursement rate for live-in caregivers
- Relatives and Legal Guardians can NO LONGER be paid for the following services:
  - Adult Day Services
  - Day Habilitation
  - Pre-Vocational Services
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Psychological Services
  - Speech-Language Therapy
  - Behavior Support Services
  - Career Exploration and Planning
  - Community Transition Services
  - Extended (Employment) Services
  - Facility Based Support Services
  - Music Therapy
  - Personal Emergency Response Services
  - Recreation Therapy
  - Remote Supports
  - Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
  - Wellness Coordination



# Paid Caregivers for H&W Waiver

## Effective August 1

- Relatives can be paid for:
- Attendant Care
- Home and Community Assistance
- Skilled Respite Care
- Structured Family Caregiving
- Transportation (this is an added service)

Legal Guardians can only be paid for:

- Attendant Care (cannot be paid if self-directed)
- Structured Family Caregiving
- Transportation (this is an added service)



# Paid Caregivers for H&W Waiver

Legally Responsible Individuals can only be paid for:

- Attendant Care (IF the individual meets the definition of Extraordinary Care AND has Intensive Nursing Needs)
- Structured Family Caregiving (IF the individual meets the definition of Extraordinary Care)

Relatives can no longer be paid for:

- Adult Day Services
- Assisted Living
- Extended Services



# Paid Caregivers for the TBI Waiver

Effective August 1

Relatives can be paid for the following services:

- Attendant Care
- Home and Community Assistance
- Residential Habilitation
- Skilled Respite
- Structured Family Caregiving
- Transportation (this is an added service)

- Legal Guardians of an adult can be paid for the following services:
- Attendant Care (cannot be paid if self-directed)
- Residential Habilitation (cannot be paid if self-directed)
- Structured Family Caregiving
- Transportation (this is an added service)



# Paid Caregivers on the TBI Waiver

Legally Responsible Individuals can be paid for:

- Attendant Care (IF the individual meets the definition of Extraordinary Care AND has Intensive Nursing Needs)
- Structured Family Caregiving (IF the individual meets the definition of Extraordinary Care)



# Paid Caregivers on the TBI Waiver

Relatives can no longer be paid for:

- Adult Day Services
- Day Habilitation
- Assisted Living
- Behavior Management/Behavior Support Services
- Extended (Employment) Services

Legal Guardians of an adult have not lost services they can be paid for.



# Other Paid Caregiver Limits

- The state will reduce the reimbursement rate for paid caregivers
- LRIs can be paid up to 40 hours per week for all LRIs combined
- Relatives and Legal Guardians can be paid for up to 40 hours per week for all services combined per waiver participant



# Providing Public Comment

- Public comment is due March 18 at 4:30 p.m. This is an extension for the original deadline.
- Email public comment to **[DDRSwaivernoticecomment@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:DDRSwaivernoticecomment@fssa.IN.gov)**
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