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Amendments to Community Integration and Habilitation and Family Supports Waivers approved

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) received approval of amendments to the Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver and the Family Supports Waiver (FSW) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Both programs are 1915(c) Medicaid waivers that provide home and community-based services (HCBS) to persons with intellectual disabilities or related conditions residing in a range of community settings as an alternative to care in an intermediate care facility.

Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver

The amendment to the CIH Waiver was approved with a February 1, 2014, effective date and includes the following changes:

- A revision to the *One Reserved Waiver Capacity* priority category that increases the overall capacity for priority entrance to this waiver
- Shifting of previously budgeted but unused funding from the CIH Waiver to the FSW to assist in reducing the waiting list for the FSW
- The addition of Wellness Coordination services:
 - Defined as the development, maintenance, and routine monitoring of the waiver participant's Wellness Coordination plan and the medical services required to manage his or her healthcare needs.
 - Extends beyond those services provided through routine doctor or healthcare visits required under the Medicaid State Plan.
 - Specifically designed for participants requiring assistance of a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) to properly coordinate their medical needs.
- Incorporates a tiered system based on health scores from the State's objective-based allocation (OBA) process.

Family Supports Waiver (FSW)

The amendment to the FSW was approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014, and includes the following changes:

- The annual cap for participant services increased from \$16,250 to \$16,545.
- The Quality Improvement System (QIS) and Performance Measures approved by CMS and implemented in 2013 for the CIH Waiver have now been included in the FSW.
- Legislated accreditation requirements for providers of day services are now reflected within the amendment per the requirements of *Indiana Code 12-11-1.1-1(d)(1)*.
- The amendment also includes additional slots for waiver year (WY) 5 to reduce the waiting list for entrance into the FSW.

For more information about the CIH Waiver or the FSW, see the [DDRS Announcements](#) page on the FSSA website at in.gov/fssa. Questions about the amendments or the FSW or CIH Waiver programs should be directed to 1-800-545-7763 or one of the other contact options shown on the [DDRS Contact Information](#) page at in.gov/fssa.

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