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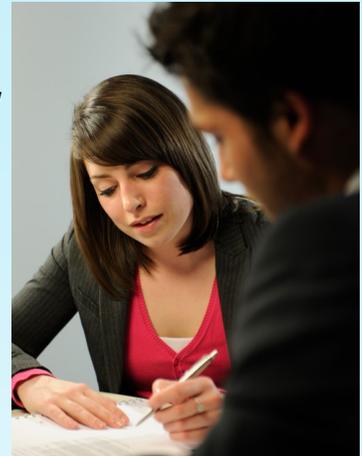
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FSSA announces approval of the Family Supports Waiver renewal

On June 26, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA's) request to renew the Family Supports Waiver (FSW) with a retroactive effective date of April 1, 2015. The FSW is administered by the FSSA's Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS).

The FSW renewal includes an update to the FSW Comprehensive Transition Plan required by CMS to ensure that the Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) programs offered by the State follow the HCBS settings requirements of CMS' final rule CMS-2249 & CMS-2296, published January 16, 2014.

Unlike the prior waiver, the renewed FSW removes "Supported Employment Follow Along" as an approved service and replaces it with "Extended Services." "Extended Services" is defined as ongoing employment support services that enable an individual to maintain integrated, competitive employment in a community setting. Individuals must be employed in a community-based, competitive job that pays at or above minimum wage in order to receive this service. The approved services within the FSW renewal are:



- Adult Day Services
- Behavioral Support Services
- Case Management
- Community Based Habilitation – Group
- Community Based Habilitation – Individual
- Extended Services
- Facility Based Habilitation – Group
- Facility Based Habilitation – Individual
- Facility Based Support Services
- Family and Caregiver Training
- Intensive Behavioral Intervention
- Music Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Participant Assistance and Care (PAC)
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Physical Therapy
- Prevocational Services
- Psychological Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Respite
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Transportation Nonmedical
- Workplace Assistance

Other changes approved with the FSW renewal include:

- Identification of current roles and a revised organizational structure of the FSSA, the State Medicaid Agency.
- Changes to the frequency with which providers must submit client documentation
- An overall language change removing the term “Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR)” and replacing it with CMS’ approved term “Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)”
- Inclusion of CMS’ requirement to add language to the quality assurance of the waiver

For more information about the FSW renewal, see the DDRS website at in.gov/fssa/ddrs. The [FSW renewal announcement](#) can be found on the [DDRS Announcement](#) page of the website. The approved [Family Supports Waiver](#), including the FSW transition plan, is published in its entirety on the [Bureau of Developmental Disability Services \(BDDS\)](#) page of the website.

If you have questions about the renewal or the FSW program, call 1-800-545-7763 or email BQIS.Help@fssa.in.gov.

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