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FSSA announces approval of the CIH Waiver amendment

On June 22, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) approved the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA's) request to amend the Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver with an effective date of July 1, 2015. The CIH Waiver program is administered by the FSSA's Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS).



The CIH Waiver amendment includes an update to the CIH Comprehensive Transition Plan required by CMS to ensure that the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs offered by the state follow the HCBS setting requirements of CMS' final rule *CMS-2249* and *CMS-2296*, published January 16, 2014.

New provisions within the CIH Waiver amendment include:

- The amendment added a new residential service with a daily billing structure, Residential Habilitation and Supports – Daily (RHS Daily). This service offers a flat rate for individual waiver members who have assessment scores of 3, 4, or 5. RHS provides in-home supports to waiver participants to ensure that necessary supports are in place to provide a safe, secure, inclusive environment.
- With the addition of the RHS Daily, a provision was also added that restricts RHS providers from providing more than 10 hours per month of Community Based Habilitation services to a member. The waiver amendment indicates that if a member needs or wants more than 10 hours per month of Community Based Habilitation services, the member can receive additional hours from a provider who is not the primary RHS provider. Changes related to the daily rate for RHS will be implemented August 1, 2015.
- The CIH Waiver amendment allows services such as Respite and Music Therapy to be provided to a group of members, whereas in the past, these services were allowed only one-on-one.
- The amendment 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.

For more information about the CIH Waiver amendment, see the DDRS website at in.gov/fssa/ddrs. The [CIH Waiver announcement](#) can be found on the [DDRS Announcement](#) page of the website. The approved [Community Integration and](#)

[Habilitation Waiver](#), including the CIH Waiver 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 CIH Waiver amendment or the CIH Waiver program, call 1-800-545-7763 or email BQIS.Help@fssa.in.gov.

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