



Indiana's Medicaid Waiver Program

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The Indiana Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program is commonly referred to as the Medicaid Waiver Program. This program is a state and federally funded effort, the overall purpose of which is to prevent institutionalization of adults and children with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. It does this by funding services that are provided by certified Waiver providers in the home and/or in the community in which the individuals live and work. Those services are designed specifically to assist individuals to:

- become integrated into their communities
- develop social relationships
- develop skills to make decisions about issues that are important to them
- live as independently as possible

Services on the Waiver Program are made available through one of two waivers: the Family Supports Waiver (FSW) and the Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver (CIHW).

The FSW is the waiver that most individuals receive when they begin services on the Waiver Program. Its primary focus is to support adults and children in their current residence, which can be their parents' or other family member's home, their own home, or any other community-based residence. Examples of commonly utilized services include assistance and care in the home, community based one-on-one outings, day facility placements, behavior supports, and therapies including music, recreational, physical and speech. The FSW waiver has an annual financial cap of \$16,545. [See a complete listing of all FSW services and their definitions.](#)

The CIHW is available to those who meet certain emergency criteria. Those criteria include: loss of the primary caregiver, caregivers over the age of 80, evidence of abuse or neglect in the current residence, or any other extraordinary health and safety risk. This waiver does provide up to 24-hour supports. The annual financial allocation of this waiver is based upon the individual's needs. It allows for all services that are available on the FSW, along with some additional ones such as electronic monitoring, environmental modifications, and residential habilitation supports. [See a complete listing of all CIHW services and their definitions.](#)

Next: [How to apply for the Medicaid Waiver Program](#)

Resources:

[Indiana Family and Social Services](#)

[DDRS Waiver Manual](#)

[IPMG Handbook for Individuals Served](#)

[IPMG Handbook for Individuals Served \(Spanish\)](#)

[IPMG Medicaid Waiver FAQs](#)