



IPMG Professional Development Webinar: Incredible Waiver Services: Learn More About Them! Exploring Underutilized Services - Q&A

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<p>Q: How does respite work, logistically speaking? Does the alternate move in with the individual while the primary leaves for a break . . or does the individual move out to another home, etc.?</p>	<p>A: Respite is not billed as a separate rate but is included within the daily waiver rate for SFC. Agencies set up alternative caregivers which provide respite to the primary caregiver. Each respite is individualized. Sometimes respite is provided in the SFC home while other times, the Individual may go to the home of the alternative caregiver. If the Individuals goes to another home, every home environment would need to be screened and certified as safe and appropriate.</p>
<p>Q: What is the process for handling allegations of ANE? How do you suspend the caregiver who lives in the home?</p>	<p>A: Allegations are handled the same way as any incident investigation. If the primary caregiver requires suspension during investigation, the alternative caregiver would support the Individual.</p>
<p>Q: Does BDDS determine the LOC for AFC?</p>	<p>A: In the past, the funding tier for AFC was determined by an independent assessment from BDDS. With the changes to this program and the new waiver service for SFC, the tier level is determined by the Algo level. Regarding the LOC, BDDS does complete the initial LOC, the Waiver Case Manager is required to complete the LOCSI bi-annually for the CIH waiver.</p>

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Q: If one caregiver provided supports to two individuals, is the reimbursement rate doubled or is there another way to determine reimbursement based on two individuals being served in the same setting?	A: The caregiver would receive reimbursement for each Individual they support. Waiver services would be billed for each Individual, rates and reimbursements are not shared.
Q: I have an individual who is on the A&D waiver. He lives at home with his father/guardian. Could his grandmother and over 18 siblings be his caregiver even with him living with his guardian?	A: Yes.
Q: How is billing done when an individual in SFC uses Medicaid PA? I have experienced a provider not wanting to use PA because they thought it would take away from the financial part of the caregiver.	A: Medicaid PA services can be used along with SFC services. Use of this service does not take away funding from the caregiver's reimbursement.
Q: Is SFC caregiver pay not taxed?	A: Correct, the payment to an certified SFC caregiver is not taxed.
Q: Do you know if there's a state or area that is using this service frequently?	A: Although fairly new to Indiana, this service is used in many states as part of their waiver plan. Google, "Share Living Disabled " if you would like to research this topic. Expect to see this concept growing across the USA.
Q: Does the Care Manager that SFC provides replace the Case Manager services?	A: Each SFC provider is required to have monthly monitoring visits as part of the requirements for this service. The role of the Case Manager does not change. The CM is required to complete their own 90 day monitoring, assessment, and IDT service plan development as outlined by the waiver.

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<p>Q: SFC for the elderly is very different from SFC for Individuals with disabilities. With the elderly, families are pulling together to ensure a good quality of life in the final years. With Individuals with disabilities, parents are more concerned with life planning after their own death when they are no longer present to care for their loved ones. How can SFC work for Individuals with disabilities when families need to develop lifelong supports?</p>	<p>A: SFC can use a family member to provide the SFC service but the "Share Living" model supports the use of SFC caregivers that are not family members. This model, may be a better fit for Individuals with disabilities since lifelong planning is necessary. Agencies have recruited, screened, and certified caregivers who want to open up their homes and lives to this type of service. Shared living opens up possibilities for relationships with many people. This concept should not be limited to the family only approach. INARF has formed a "Shared Living" work group to further explore this concept.</p>