

Understanding the Medicaid Waiver Request for Approval Process

Question and Answer



Will the Enviro mod picklist be updated to reflect the current available providers anytime soon?

The state monitors and updates the pick list, so unfortunately, this is out of IPMG's control.

Does the same process apply for getting a scooter as for getting a wheelchair?

It is a similar process, though a scooter often requires additional physician visits with a specialist. Because the waiver does not cover scooters, a family can go directly to any provider to make a referral and the provider will guide you through the process.

Our service dog needs surgery to continue working. Could that be covered?

Unfortunately, neither Medicaid nor the waiver currently covers service dogs.

If a family previously received funding for a vehicle mod through a different waiver (A&D), and now has an FSW waiver, can they request maintenance dollars to fix their lift equipment on that vehicle?

Yes, this can be requested if the A&D Waiver funded the original vehicle modification.

Did the slide for FSW home retro fitting budget say that there is no \$ amount allotted for that service? I saw that the vehicle budget allowed up to \$7500 for vehicles. Could you show that slide again?

The FSW waiver does not provide funding for home modifications – this is not a service under the FSW. There is a cap on FSW for vehicle and specialized medical equipment of \$7500 combined for these services.

PERS are covered under Medicaid budgets, correct?

Yes, under the code of PRSM for maintenance and PRSI for installation. This doesn't require an RFA – only an updated CCB.



Is requiring pictures a new thing? I'm a case manager for A&D and I have never had to provide pictures.

The AD reviewers at the state may not require pictures. The reviewer for CIH waivers does require them.

Are the PowerPoint slides going to be available to participants of this webinar?

The slides, recording, and Q&A for all PDWs are available on IPMG's website at <http://gotoipmg.com/resources/professional-development-workshops>, as well as social media, and will be emailed to all PDW registrants.

Are there any exceptions to the rules for vehicle mods? I have a family with minor children who live in a rural area and have to drive longer distances to doctors-specialists (so their vehicle has higher mileage) and also cannot have too many assets/income to keep benefits, but could really use some of these.

It can be submitted and will most likely be denied. However, there is an appeal process that can be initiated.

Can the prism or mobility lift systems be used in an apartment that won't allow structure changes to the home?

These systems would be perfect for this type of situation as they do not require any structural changes.

Say a person gets a ramp through A&D and then switched to FSW. Does the maintenance follow as well?

Unfortunately, there will no longer be maintenance funds under FSW for the ramp because it is not a service on that waiver.

Do we (IPMG CM) request your assistance with scheduling annual maintenance?

Yes, contact me and I will obtain a bid for this and submit for you.

Will the waiver cover a bathroom modification to make the bathroom larger (i.e., remove a wall to a large closet to increase floor space in the bathroom)?

Yes, this can be covered if there is adequate space in the home to enlarge the bathroom.



Yearly maintenance does not come from \$15,000 CAP, right?

Correct. This is separate from the lifetime cap.

If a speech generating device needs repair and the wheelchair it is mounted on also needs repair, are these separate \$500 maintenance fees?

If these items were funded by the waiver and both need repairs, there is only \$500 per year for the service code of specialized medical equipment (ATCH). If Medicaid PA covered one or either of these, Medicaid PA can pay for repairs/maintenance.

If an individual moves from one home to another, will Medicaid pay for another ramp at the new location?

Yes, if they still have money available in their cap.

Where and how do I get a stroller big enough for my son?

A stroller can be approved through the Medicaid PA process. We can make a referral to a Medicaid provider who can discuss sizes and options with you.

Can specialized car seats/booster seats be covered?

Medicaid Prior Authorization will cover specialized car seats and booster seats. Contact your CM or Ruth for more information.

Is the requirement for pictures an IPMG requirement or for CM providers across the board?

It is a requirement for anyone submitting modifications for CIH waivers. Med Model doesn't appear to require pictures.

Is there a list available of make/models of vehicles for vehicle modifications?

There is not a specific list as it changes yearly when new models come out. One provider is Superior Van and Mobility, (800) 508-8267. If you contact them, they can let you know if your vehicle can be modified.

United Cerebral Palsy provides funds for equipment for people with cerebral palsy.

Visit www.ucpindy.org for more information.



Would vehicles owned by a provider be eligible for modifications? My assumption is no, based on no mods allowed for provider-owned homes.

Unfortunately, it would not be covered. The vehicle must be owned by the individual or family.

I serve a 5-yr old boy with autism and he has challenges with incontinence. His mother has asked if she could get diapers through the waiver. Are these covered through Medicaid PA or waiver?

Incontinence products are covered by Medicaid if you use one of the 2 certified providers for Indiana: Binson's Home Health Care Centers – 1-888-217-9610 / binsons.com or J&B Medical Supply Company – 866-674-5850 / jandbmedical.com

I wanted to share my experience with the Sheehan Foundation (www.cicf.org). I have an individual on FSW who was looking into the vehicle modification. We found out that the only two providers in our area required a lot of co-pay for what they needed. The Sheehan Foundation paid for everything! They lowered the floor in the van, and put in the wheelchair lift they needed.

Great resource! Thank you!

What is the "year" period based on?

The year is based on the CCB plan date range.

Please clarify Lifetime Caps and are the Vehicle and Environmental mods cost part of a person's annual budget or additional?

The lifetime caps of vehicle and environmental modifications are for their lifetime and do not renew yearly. The caps are \$15,000 for CIH waiver for each service and \$7500 for FSW for vehicle modifications. For CIH, this is above and beyond the allocation amount. For FSW, this amount must fit within their yearly service cap.



Do you have a list for someone who needs a ramp?

It varies depending on what county the individual resides in. We can get a picklist printed from Insite based on the county where the individual resides.

Can you elaborate more on Quarterly Respite Nursing Home stays?

The IPMG Medicaid Prior Authorization Process Professional Development Workshop may be able to provide you with additional information about this process. Please visit <http://gotoipmg.com/resources/professional-development-workshops> to view the archived podcast of this workshop.

Will the AD waiver cover a scooter lift for the back of a car if the scooter was purchased with own funds?

A: If the car meets waiver criteria, this should be covered.

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The A&D waiver appears not to require pictures, but the CIH reviewer requires them.

On the A&D waiver, a medication dispenser can be added as a service like the button.

Thanks! That is good to know. We cannot get them on the CIH waiver, unfortunately.