

# 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](http://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](http://binsons.com) or J&B Medical Supply Company – 866-674-5850 / [jandbmedical.com](http://jandbmedical.com)

**I wanted to share my experience with the Sheehan Foundation ([www.cicf.org](http://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.