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FSSA clarifies proposed live-in caregiver rate

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Bureau of Disabilities Services (BDS) and the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) are providing clarification regarding the proposed rate reduction when a live-in caregiver is identified for the following Home- and Community-Based (HCBS) waiver services:

- Attendant Care (ATTC) available via the Health and Wellness (H&W), Indiana PathWays for Aging (PathWays), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waivers
- Participant Assistance and Care (PAC) available via the Family Supports (FS) Waiver
- Residential Habilitation and Support – Hourly (RHS-Hourly) available via the Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver



This change is included in the proposed waiver amendment with a planned effective date of Aug. 1, 2026, pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

The proposed rate adjustment is **not** intended to, and should not, reduce caregiver hourly wages or limit a caregiver's ability to support individuals in accessing the community.

The reduction reflects the removal of reimbursement for staff travel time and mileage to and from a participant's home or between worksites. This travel expense is not incurred when caregivers live in the participant's home. Therefore, this has been excluded from the rate build up.

Example:

Megan lives with Mary and provides paid RHS-Hourly services in Mary's home. Because Megan does not travel each day to reach her worksite, her employer is not reimbursing mileage or paying hourly wage for nonbillable indirect time. The portion of the rate build up associated with that time and travel has been removed from the overall reimbursement rate to the provider.

It is important to note that the reimbursement rate build up continues to include reimbursement at the federal mileage rate to support community access for participants and that support for community access is a reimbursable activity under these services.

The current reimbursement rate and proposed live-in caregiver rate for Attendant Care, Participant Assistance and Care, and Residential Habilitation and Support – Hourly services are provided in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 – Caregiver reimbursement rate, effective for dates of service on or after Aug. 1, 2026

Service	Reimbursement rate with no live-in caregiver	Reimbursement rate with live-in caregiver
Attendant Care	\$8.59 per 15 minutes	\$7.57 per 15 minutes
Participant Assistance and Care	\$34.39 per hour	\$30.71 per hour
Residential Habilitation and Support – Hourly Level 1 (35 or less hours/week)	\$36.27 per hour	\$31.72 per hour
Residential Habilitation and Support – Hourly Level 2 (over 35 hours/week)	\$32.87 per hour	\$30.45 per hour

For more information

For questions related to BDS-administered waivers, please contact the BDS by email at BDS.Help@fssa.in.gov. For questions related to the PathWays Waiver, please email INPathWays@fssa.in.gov.

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