

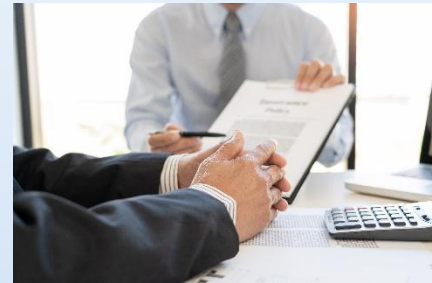
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## Environmental Requirements policy updated for BDS Medicaid waiver services

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services (DDARS) Bureau of Disabilities Services (BDS) is updating its Environmental Requirements policy for BDS Medicaid waiver services.

The previous version, issued December 11, 2011, required revision to reflect organizational changes and to establish clear expectations for providers that are in alignment with *Indiana Administrative Code* rules (such as 460 IAC 6 and 455 IAC 2), applicable state and local laws, and federal Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) requirements.



Key updates that will be made to the policy, effective July 12, 2026, include:

- Agency name change: Transition from BDDS to BDS
- Expanded scope: Inclusion of additional waivers now overseen by BDS
- Clarifications to provider requirements regarding:
  - ⇒ Compliance of environment to the Person-Centered Individualized Support Plan (PCISP)
  - ⇒ Compliance of environment with building and fire codes
  - ⇒ Provider responsibility within the living environment including clarifications around required policies and procedures
  - ⇒ Provider responsibility for training and emergency preparedness
  - ⇒ Environmental requirements for nonresidential service settings
- References: Updated state and federal citations for consistency and compliance

These revisions strengthen transparency, ensure consistency across waiver programs, and reinforce the rights and protections of individuals receiving services.

For more information, see the Environmental Requirements policy, accessible from the [Current BDS Policies](#) webpage on [in.gov/fssa/ddars](http://in.gov/fssa/ddars). The updated policy will be available July 12, 2026.

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