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**Office of Medicaid Policy & Planning
PATHWAYS Waiver Letter of Invitation**

DATE

Case: C-(CaMSS Case ID)

Name of Individual
Address 1
Address 2
City, State, ZIP

RE: Invitation to pursue the PathWAYS Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) Waiver

Dear NAME,

We are pleased to inform you that **you have reached the top of the waiting list for the PathWAYS Waiver. If you are still interested in the PathWAYS Waiver, please respond.**

You must notify your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of your decision within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. We will try to contact you three times. If you do not respond, this invitation will be withdrawn. Your participation in this process is very important. The instructions for your response are enclosed with this letter. You will be asked to provide information and make decisions within certain timeframes. You will need to have Medicaid to access the Health and Wellness Waiver. If you do not currently receive Medicaid, you can apply at <https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/> or you can speak with your Options Counselor prior to applying for Medicaid.

If you disagree with this action, you have a right to appeal by following the procedures in the attached appeal rights. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Office via phone at XXXX or in person at: AAA address.

Keep this letter in a safe place with your important documents.

Sincerely,

Cora Steinmetz, Director, Office of Medicaid Policy & Planning

Enclosure: Appeal Rights
cc: File



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO THIS INVITATION

OPTION 1: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE RESPONSE FORM FOR THE PATHWAYS WAIVER

1. Fill out the Response Form to indicate your interest in receiving services.

A. **Check “YES”** if you are still interested in the PathWays Waiver

B. **Check “NO”** if you are no longer interested in the PathWays Waiver.

2. **Sign the Response Form.**

3. **Return the Response Form within the next 30 days**, which is by XXXX.

FAX the form to: XXXX OR MAIL to:

AAA

Address

If you are interested in the PathWays Waiver, an Options Counselor from your Area Agency on Aging (AAA) office will contact you to schedule a meeting after you return the form.

If you do not currently receive Medicaid, you will need to have Medicaid to access the PathWays Waiver. You can apply for Medicaid at <https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/> or you can wait to speak with your Options Counselor prior to applying for Medicaid.

OPTION 2: CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) OFFICE VIA PHONE AT XXXX OR IN PERSON AT: AAA address FOR THE PATHWAYS WAIVER

If you do not currently receive Medicaid, you will need to have Medicaid to access the PathWays Waiver. You can apply for Medicaid at <https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/> or you can wait to speak with your Options Counselor prior to applying for Medicaid.

PATHWAYS WAIVER RESPONSE FORM

Please complete this form to notify the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of your interest in receiving waiver services on the **PathWays Waiver**.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of the individual to receive waiver services:											
Social Security Number:						-			-		
Address:											
City:				State:				Zip:			
Phone Number:						Email:					
Signature of individual (or parent/legal guardian):											

SELECT ONE (1) OPTIONS – “YES” or “NO”

YES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I am interested in receiving supports through the PathWays Waiver and would like to begin the intake process. If YES, also select one (1) “YES” option immediately below:
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, and I <u>am</u> currently receiving Indiana Medicaid. <input type="checkbox"/> YES, and I <u>have</u> applied for Indiana Medicaid. <input type="checkbox"/> YES, but I have <u>not</u> yet applied for Indiana Medicaid.
<p>Once we receive your “YES” response, an Options Counselor will contact you to assist you through the required steps for waiver services.</p>	

NO	<input type="checkbox"/> NO, I am not interested in receiving supports through the PathWays Waiver. Selecting “NO” implies that I fully understand the statements below.
	<p>I understand that if I decline the PathWays Waiver, <u>I am no longer on any wait list</u> for the PathWays Waiver.</p> <p>Once we receive your “NO” response, you will be permanently removed from your current place on the PathWays Waiver wait list.</p>

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Options Counselor
Area Agency on Aging
Address
Or FAX to: XXXX

Appeal Rights for Home and Community-Based Services

You have the right to appeal the enclosed decision and have a fair hearing. The enclosed letter explains the decision regarding your application for or changes in your services. If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal by submitting a request for a fair hearing.

How to request an appeal:

Your request for an appeal must be received by close of business no later than 30 days from the receipt of the enclosed letter. You must also list with reasonable particularity the reason(s) for requesting the appeal.

To file an appeal, please sign, date and return this form to:

AOPA Appeals
FSSA Office of General Counsel
MS 27
402 W. Washington Street, Room W451
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or send the form via fax to:
(317) 232-1133

If you are unable to sign and date this form, you may have someone assist you.

You will be notified in writing by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals of the date, time, and location for the hearing. Prior to the hearing, you have the right to examine the entire contents of your case record maintained by your care manager.

You may represent yourself at the hearing or you may authorize a person to represent you, such as an attorney, relative, or other person. You will have the opportunity to bring witnesses, establish all pertinent facts and circumstances, advance any arguments without interference and question, or refute any testimony or evidence presented.

I wish to appeal the above decision for the following reasons:

If you require more space, include additional pages.

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Reference: CaMss Case ID

This is considered an administrative action by the State of Indiana appealable to an administrative law judge from the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings.