



PathWays HCBS Waiver (not in PathWays program) waiting checklist

Indiana PathWays for Aging is a Medicaid program for adults aged 60+ who are aged, blind or disabled. There is not a waiting list for the Indiana PathWays for Aging program. There is a waiting list for the PathWays Home and Community-Based Services Waiver. This document is for individuals who are not enrolled in the Indiana PathWays for Aging program and would like to apply for or are on the waiting list for PathWays home and community-based services waiver.

1. Apply for PathWays HCBS Waiver

- Contact your local Area Agency on Aging office to complete a preliminary level of care screening by telephone. Your local Area Agency on Aging contact information is available online at www.in.gov/fssa/da/area-agencies-on-aging.
- Once you are found eligible for the preliminary level of care, the Area Agency on Aging will mail you an official letter about your waiting list placement.
- The Area Agency on Aging will discuss Indiana Medicaid eligibility with you. If you appear to be eligible for Medicaid, the Area Agency on Aging will inform you and may assist you with this application. You may apply for Indiana PathWays for Aging at any time.

2. While you are on the PathWays HCBS Waiver waiting list:

- Contact your local Area Agency on Aging if there are any changes to your contact information, such as address or phone number.
- Your local Area Agency on Aging may assist you with information and resources available in your community while you are waiting.
- You may call 211 for additional information about resources in your community.
- If you are applying for Indiana Medicaid, the Area Agency on Aging may assist you with this application process; you may visit the Indiana Medicaid website by visiting www.in.gov/medicaid/members.
- If you join the Indiana PathWays for Aging program while you are on the waiting list for the PathWays HCBS Waiver, please see the companion checklist on FSSA's [Medicaid Strategies page](#).

3. Invitation to continue the process to access the PathWays HCBS Waiver when your name comes up on the waiver waiting list

- When your name comes up on the PathWays HCBS Waiver waiting list, you will receive a letter of invitation in the mail from FSSA.
- The Area Agency on Aging will assign an options counselor to contact you to schedule an in-person assessment. You may also reach out to your Area Agency on Aging to initiate the process.
- The options counselor will make three attempts within a 30-calendar day period to reach you from the date notified by the state.
- Once contact has been made, the options counselor will schedule the in-person appointment with you. During this in-person appointment, you will receive a full eligibility assessment, including an updated level of care. The options counselor will also provide information and support with Indiana Medicaid eligibility.
- Once you are determined to meet eligibility for the PathWays HCBS Waiver, the options counselor will:
 - Discuss your Indiana Medicaid eligibility as Indiana Medicaid is required to participate in the PathWays HCBS Waiver.
 - If you do not have Indiana Medicaid, you will be referred to a Medicaid specialist at your AAA, who will assist with this process.
 - If you have Indiana Medicaid that isn't compatible with receiving waiver services, you will need to apply for Indiana Medicaid disability. Your options counselor will provide more information during your meeting.



- Put in the shell service plan so it can finish the process and MCEs will complete the initial.
- During this period, the enrollment broker will be reaching out to you. You may also call the enrollment broker to select a health plan (managed care entity) should you be eligible for the PathWays HCBS Waiver. If you are eligible and do not select a plan, one will be assigned to you. You can reach the enrollment broker by calling 877-284-9294 or visiting the website at www.in.gov/pathways.

4. When will services begin?

- Services will begin once:
 - Indiana Medicaid is approved by the Division of Family Resources; and
 - The PathWays HCBS Waiver is approved by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.
- If you still need to select or change your health plan, you may find more information about Indiana PathWays for Aging by calling the enrollment broker at 877-284-9294 or visiting the website at www.in.gov/pathways.
- You will receive a welcome packet from your PathWays managed care entity.
- Your PathWays health plan service coordinator will reach out to you to create a service plan and the HCBS services will begin once your plan is complete.