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## IHCP changes respite service names for PathWays, H&W and TBI waivers

Effective immediately, this bulletin replaces *Indiana Health Coverage*Programs (IHCP) Bulletin <u>BT2024187</u> with corrected and clarifying information. As presented in Tables 1 and 2, the IHCP has made changes to the Skilled Respite service names for the following waivers:

 Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for Indiana PathWays for Aging (PathWays)



- Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) HCBS waivers:
  - Health & Wellness (H&W) Waiver
  - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver

The OMPP and the DDRS clarified the level of service for Skilled Respite services on July 1, 2024, through a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved waiver amendment. Under this waiver service, two forms of skilled respite are allowable:

- Home health aide services (RHHA)
- Skilled nursing services (RSKNU)

For PathWays, H&W and TBI waivers, procedure code S5150 has been renamed Respite Care Services, HHA and is billed by waiver providers (provider type 32) when respite services are delivered by a home health aide (HHA). Skilled respite services provided by licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and registered nurses (RNs) remain unchanged, except for the service name update.

As a reminder to providers, the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes and modifier combinations are provided in Table 1 for the respite services for PathWays, H&W and TBI waivers and in <a href="Table 2">Table 2</a> for the Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver and Family Supports Waiver (FSW). Respite Care Services for CIH Waiver and FSW remain unchanged.

Procedure Service description **Modifier 1** Modifier 2 **Modifier 3** code U7 UΑ U9 Respite Care Services, HHA S5150 Respite Care Services, LPN T1005 U7 UA TE Respite Care Services, RN T1005 U7 UA TD

Table 1 – Updated PathWays, H&W and TBI respite service names

Table 2 - CIH Waiver and FSW respite service names

Service description	Procedure code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3
Respite Care Services	S5151	U7	U5	
Respite Nursing Care, LPN	T1005	U7	U5	TE
Respite Nursing Care, RN	T1005	U7	U5	TD

#### For more information

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