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Update for Aged and Disabled Waiver Recipients and Their Families

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FSSA is reaching out today with an update for those who receive services on the Aged and Disabled Waiver and their family members. On Jan. 17, we shared an [announcement](#) regarding Attendant Care Services and Structured Family Caregiving provided by a legally responsible individual.

The purpose of this outreach is to share information with waiver members and their families about the next steps they should expect.

As a reminder, a legally responsible individual, or LRI, is a parent of a minor child or spouse of a member receiving services. Aged and Disabled Waiver members receiving Attendant Care Services from their LRI will have a choice for the LRI to provide services through Structured Family Caregiving or continue to receive Attendant Care from an individual who is not their LRI. LRIs may not provide Attendant Care after July 1.

Aged and Disabled Waiver care managers are ready to assist affected waiver members and their families with a transition plan.

Care managers have been contacting members to begin understanding their specific situations and needs. Waiver members and their families can expect the following:

- Care managers have been reaching out to gather information using an FSSA survey/discussion tool. Individuals may also reach out to their care manager at any time to discuss their situation and needs.
- If you do not hear from your care manager, please contact your [local Area Agency on Aging](#) or your case management entity and ask to speak with your care manager.
- Please know care managers need to meet and talk with you, as the waiver member, and as appropriate, your family support, to begin discussing service options. If you do not hear from your care manager, please contact them directly.
- If you miss an outreach from your care manager, please follow-up with them as soon as possible.
- During the information-gathering meeting (which may occur in person or via a call), care managers will be prepared to discuss each waiver recipient's options, but a transition plan will not be developed during this initial call.
- Care managers can tell recipients more about Structured Family Caregiving and other services available on the Aged and Disabled Waiver.



Following the initial information gathering, care managers will work with families to develop transition plans. This planning will occur with the waiver recipient and their family between April and June. Depending on the situation, transition planning discussions may include interviewing Structured Family Caregiving agencies, identifying non-LRI caregivers to provide Attendant Care, or determining the appropriate level of Structured Family Caregiving needed. Waiver members and their families, as appropriate, must engage with their care manager before the July transition.

If you are an Aged and Disabled Waiver member receiving Attendant Care today and all of your care is provided by anyone other than the member's spouse or parent of a minor child, no action is needed.

As always, please promptly address any routine information requests from FSSA or your care manager, such as an eligibility redetermination notice.

Previously shared information for families about Attendant Care and Structured Family Caregiving is located [here](#) and about LRIs and other relationships can be viewed [here](#). More information and future updates on this topic will be located at [FSSA: Medicaid Strategies \(in.gov\)](#).