



Frequently Asked Questions

HIP Waiting List for Childless Adults

Why has the State of Indiana implemented a wait list for the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP)?

The federal government permits Indiana to cover only 34,000 non-caretakers (persons *not* living with a dependent child). The state is closing the program to non-caretakers only because enrollment projections indicate HIP has reached its cap.

What about caretaker relatives or parents of dependent children?

HIP will remain open to parents of dependent children, as long as state resources are available to support the program. There is no cap on the number of parents that can be covered under the HIP program.

How does a person get on the wait list?

The state will continue to process applications for non-caretakers. If an applicant is denied solely because of program closure and all other eligibility requirements are met, he/she will be added to a wait list.

How will the wait list for HIP work?

Applicants will be added to the wait list based on the date and time they are deemed eligible for the program, but will be issued a denial letter due to program closure for non-caretakers.

How will I know if I am on the HIP wait list?

Applicants will receive a denial letter indicating that they are eligible for HIP, but have been denied due to program closure for non-caretakers. The letter will advise the applicant that he/she has been added to the wait list and will also specify that the applicant must inform the Division of Family Resources (DFR) of any address changes to maintain his/her place on the wait list.

When will HIP reopen to non-caretaker relatives?

The state will actively monitor the enrollment for non caretakers and will re-open the program when additional openings become available.

How will I be notified if HIP opens to members on the wait list?

Once slots are available, the state will notify wait listed individuals they are eligible for an opening and that they **must resubmit** an application if they are interested in participating in HIP. The applicant may call 1-877-GET-HIP9 or visit the HIP website to get a new application. The letter will also advise the applicant that he/she has 45 days from the date at the top of the letter to return the application along with the state letter and copies of all necessary documents to remain eligible for consideration.

What will happen when my slot is open and I resubmit my HIP application?

If the applicant continues to meet the eligibility requirements and submits his/her application so that it is *received* on time, his/her application will very likely be approved.

What if I miss the stated deadline to resubmit application for HIP?

As will be clearly stated in the letter, if the application is not at the processing center by the 45 day deadline, the applicant will lose the available spot and will be terminated from the wait list. The applicant will then need to re-apply if he/she would like to be placed on the wait list again.

What do I need to do to maintain my spot on the HIP wait list if I move?

When an individual changes his/her mailing address, he/she must submit a completed Report of Change form to DFR as described in the wait list letter. The HIP wait list will be handled separately from other state programs. If you report an address change with another state program, such as TANF, food stamps or other state assistance, the change will not necessarily translate to the HIP wait list.

What if I am not within the first members on HIP wait list when it opens?

After 45 days, the individuals who were contacted will be taken off the list as approved, denied, or removed from the wait list. The state will then assess the number of remaining openings and send letters accordingly to the same number of applicants on the wait list. The state will repeat this process approximately every 90 days until all new slots have been filled.

Can I find out my position on the HIP wait list?

No. HIP customer service representatives will inform the individual he/she will be notified by mail when a spot becomes available for him/her.

Are there other resources available for non-caretaker relatives?

All applicants that are otherwise eligible for HIP, but denied due to program capacity for non-caretakers are eligible to purchase the HIP buy-in product without any state subsidy. However, this plan will not be available until fall of 2009. Individuals who choose this option will be responsible for the full cost of their \$1,100 deductible as well as the full cost of premium. Premium rates, calculated on an age and sex basis, will be the same as those charged to the state for eligible HIP members.

What if I have other questions about the HIP wait list?

All questions will be addressed through the 1-877-GET-HIP9 toll-free telephone number or by visiting www.hip.in.gov.