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**Indiana submits Section 1135 waiver to federal government to support the delivery of health care during national emergency**

The Indiana Family Social and Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning is requesting authority from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to waive several Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requirements in order to decrease administrative burden for health care and other providers as the state combats the continued spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Highlights include the ability to streamline provider enrollment requirements, waving prior authorization requirements for some providers, and establishing a mechanism to allow health care to be delivered in alternative settings, including an unlicensed facility, if necessary. Section 1135 of the Social Security Act allows CMS to temporarily waive or modify certain requirements to help providers and patients during declared times of emergency. OMPP is requesting these provisions to remain in effect through the course of the national emergency declaration.

OMPP requested a total of eight specific waivers in addition to the [blanket waivers](#) previously announced by CMS as available to states.

The document, submitted by FSSA Secretary Jennifer Sullivan, M.D., M.P.H., [is available here](#).

OMPP may request additional waivers in the future as needed.

