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FSSA clarifies billing guidelines for medication dispenser install and monitoring for HCBS waivers

To ensure alignment with the federally approved Health and Wellness (H&W), Indiana PathWays for Aging (PathWays), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is clarifying the billing guidelines for installing and monitoring medication dispensers.

Medication dispenser install/monitoring

The Medication Dispenser Install (MEDI)/Medication Dispenser Monitoring (MEDM) billing code is not a separately defined service within the H&W, PathWays or TBI waivers. Currently, medication dispensers are covered as a Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies item in the service definitions under these three HCBS waivers.

Effective April 1, 2025, any service plans that currently include or are requesting to add MEDI or MEDM will not be approved. For service plans that currently include the MEDI/MEDM services, case managers will need to zero out MEDI/MEDM and request the medication dispenser through Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies. In addition, all new medication dispenser requests should be placed on the waiver service plan under the Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies service. All Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies requirements will apply. Case managers should work with individuals and providers now to help facilitate the removal of MEDI/MEDM.

The medication dispenser should be billed with procedure codes and modifiers as follows for the H&W, PathWays and TBI waivers:

- T2029 U7 NU – *Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies – New DME*
- T2029 U7 U8 – *Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies – Replacement or Repair*

Filling the medication dispenser is not currently an allowable activity under the H&W, PathWays or TBI waiver. If a participant needs assistance with the filling of medication dispensers, Indiana Medicaid State Plan prior authorization services could be sought, and this task could be completed by a registered nurse (RN). Participants could also use informal supports if available.

As a reminder, the Division of Aging notified case managers, by email, on April 19, 2024, that “pill packs,” where the pharmacy is packaging together an individual’s medications, is not a medication dispenser. Any service plans that include pill packs will not be approved. If you have a member who is receiving pill packs, please work with them as soon as possible to update their service plan. Case managers can utilize their local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and options counselors to identify pharmacies that may offer pill packs through other resources.



For more information

Questions or concerns about billing and reimbursement policies can be directed to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) IHCP reimbursement mailbox: FSSA.IHCPReimbursement@fssa.in.gov. Please be sure to send communications containing protected health information (PHI) to this mailbox via secure email.



See the [Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Home- and Community-Based Services Waivers](#) and the [Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver: Indiana PathWays for Aging](#) provider reference modules for more information.

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