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FSSA reiterates the H&W, PathWays and TBI Medicaid waiver invitation process

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is reiterating the waiver invitation process to improve access to and use of services by implementing a deadline for individuals to complete the required steps to access the Health and Wellness (H&W), Indiana PathWays for Aging (PathWays), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

The H&W and PathWays waiver year began July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. The TBI waiver year began Jan. 1, 2026, and ends Dec. 31, 2026. The following procedure brings these waivers into alignment with how the FSSA processes invitations for other waivers.



The FSSA previously announced this information through the Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services listserv Feb. 12, 2025, stating that the 180-day timeline to become active on the waiver was effective immediately, as published in [FSSA Updates Waiver Invitation Process](#).

As a reminder, individuals have 180 days from the date of their invitation notice to complete all required steps to become active on the waiver, as outlined in the CMS-approved waivers below.

- [H&W waiver \(Dec. 31, 2025\)](#)
- [PathWays waiver \(Dec. 31, 2025\)](#)
- [TBI waiver \(Dec. 31, 2025\)](#)

After receiving an invitation letter, invitees have 45 days from the date on the letter to notify their local Area Agency on Aging or managed care entity (MCE) of their decision to accept the waiver invitation.

After acceptance, invitees must complete these additional required steps within 180 days from the date of the invitation:

- Complete and obtain Medicaid financial eligibility.
- Schedule, complete and meet functional eligibility through a nursing facility level-of-care (NFLOC) assessment through Maximus or (for active PathWays waiver members) the MCE.
- Work with their assigned case manager or the MCE to complete the service plan.

Individuals must accept the invitation within 45 days of the invitation date. If the invitation is not accepted within 45 days of the date of invitation, the invitation will be rescinded, and the individual will not be placed back on the waiting list.

In instances where the process has not been completed within 180 days, the invitation will be rescinded, and the individual will not be placed back on the waiting list.

Rescinded invitations cannot be appealed. However, individuals may reapply for waiver services at any time. Those seeking to join the H&W, PathWays or TBI waiver waiting list should contact their [local Area Agency on Aging](#) or MCE to begin the process.

The FSSA continues to monitor its systems and processes to improve efficiency and the use of waiver services. Prior to the implementation of the 180-day timeline, waiver invitations were held open and unused indefinitely when an individual did not complete the required steps. This reduced the availability for additional individuals to obtain services and support. This updated process seeks to streamline the invitation process to reduce delays in receiving services.

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