



The Waiver Notice & Public Comment Process



VISION All people have equal access and opportunity to realize their good life



MISSION To connect people with disabilities and their families to resources and supports to live their best life

VALUES Person-centered, inclusion, collaboration, commitment, and empowerment



What is a Waiver Amendment?

- Changes/updates to Medicaid Waivers require approval by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- CMS requires 90-day Review period for **their** review
- Request for Additional Information (RAI)
- CMS has 90 days to approve/disapprove



What is Public Notice and Comment?

- Proposed rule, policy, or guidance is published and open to the public
- Occurs prior to submitting amendment to Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Ensures that everyone has the opportunity to share thoughts, concerns, or questions



Why Public Comment?

- Required by Federal Law (42 CFR 441.304)
- Federal law mandates 30-day notice to ensure timeliness
- Your comments are **VALUABLE** in developing and implementing waiver changes!



Why should I take the time to provide public comment?

- Best way for our agency to hear **YOUR** concerns
- Assist in creating services that are meaningful and effective
- All comments are read **AND** addressed in the waiver amendments



How do I know when amendments are open for public comment?

- Available on our webpage
www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/ddrs-policies/ddrs-draft-policies-for-public-comment/
- Announcements made through listserv
- Social media posts
- INvision Newsletter
- Community Partners



How do I know what is being proposed?

2. Purpose(s) of Amendment

Purpose(s) of the Amendment. Describe the purpose(s) of the amendment:

- At the beginning of the waiver document
- Gives description why a change to the amendment is being pursued



How do I find the proposed changes?

3. Nature of the Amendment

A. Component(s) of the Approved Waiver Affected by the Amendment. This amendment affects the following component(s) of the approved waiver. Revisions to the affected subsection(s) of these component(s) are being submitted concurrently (*check each that applies*):

| Component of the Approved Waiver | Subsection(s) |
|--|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver Application | 1.Request Information; ; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix A Waiver Administration and Operation | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appendix B Participant Access and Eligibility | B-3-a |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appendix C Participant Services | C-1/C-3; C-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix D Participant Centered Service Planning and Delivery | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix E Participant Direction of Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix F Participant Rights | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix G Participant Safeguards | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix H | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appendix I Financial Accountability | I-2-a |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appendix J Cost-Neutrality Demonstration | J-1; J-2-a; J-2-c; J-2-d |

example

The letters and numbers in the subsection column show where changes have been made



How do I know what is currently in the waiver and what is being proposed?

Current Waiver

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/developmental-disability-services/>

Proposed Waiver

www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/ddrs-policies/ddrs-draft-policies-for-public-comment/



How do I provide public comment?

Email:

DDRSwaivernoticecomment@fssa.in.gov

U.S. mail:

Waiver Amendment Public Comment

c/o Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services

402 W Washington St., W453, P.O. Box 708, MS26

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083



Thank you!

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