

**Facesheet: 1. Request Information (1 of 2)**

- A. The **State of Indiana** requests a waiver/amendment under the authority of section 1915(b) of the Act. The Medicaid agency will directly operate the waiver.
- B. **Name of Waiver Program(s):** Please list each program name the waiver authorizes.

Short title (nickname)	Long title	Type of Program
PathWays	Indiana PathWays for Aging	MCO;

**Waiver Application Title** (optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder):

Indiana PathWays for Aging

- C. **Type of Request.** This is an:

**Amendment request for an existing waiver.**

The amendment modifies (Sect/Part):

1. Section A: Program Description; Part I: Program Overview; Item E: Populations Included in Waiver
2. Section A: Program Description; Part IV: Program Operations; Item A: Marketing
3. Section A: Program Description; Part IV: Program Operations; Item E: Grievance System
4. Section A: Program Description; Part IV: Program Operations; Item C: Enrollment and Disenrollment

**Requested Approval Period:**(For waivers requesting three, four, or five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years

**Draft ID:**IN.017.00.02

**Waiver Number:**IN.0006.R00.02

- D. **Effective Dates:** This amendment is requested for a period of 5 years. (For beginning date for an initial or renewal request, please choose first day of a calendar quarter, if possible, or if not, the first day of a month. For an amendment, please identify the implementation date as the beginning date, and end of the waiver period as the end date)

**Approved Effective Date of Base Waiver being Amended:** 07/01/24

**Proposed Effective Date:** (mm/dd/yy)

12/31/25

**Facesheet: 2. State Contact(s) (2 of 2)**

- E. **State Contact:** The state contact person for this waiver is below:

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The State contact information is different for the following programs:

#### Indiana PathWays for Aging

*Note: If no programs appear in this list, please define the programs authorized by this waiver on the first page of the*

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#### Tribal consultation.

For initial and renewal waiver requests, please describe the efforts the State has made to ensure Federally recognized tribes in the State are aware of and have had the opportunity to comment on this waiver proposal.

The state conducted a 60-day tribal consultation period with Indiana's federally recognized tribe, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, regarding this waiver amendment. Written notice regarding the waiver, impact to the Tribe, and the draft application was sent on July 2, 2025. The Tribe provided no comments or questions.

*Program History required for renewal waivers only.*

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#### A. Statutory Authority (1 of 3)

**1. Waiver Authority.** The State's waiver program is authorized under section 1915(b) of the Act, which permits the Secretary to waive provisions of section 1902 for certain purposes. Specifically, the State is relying upon authority provided in the following subsection(s) of the section 1915(b) of the Act (if more than one program authorized by this waiver, please list applicable programs below each relevant authority):

- a. 1915(b)(1)** - The State requires enrollees to obtain medical care through a primary care case management (PCCM) system or specialty physician services arrangements. This includes mandatory capitated programs.  
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

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- b. 1915(b)(2)** - A locality will act as a central broker (agent, facilitator, negotiator) in assisting eligible individuals in choosing among PCCMs or competing MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs in order to provide enrollees with more information about the range of health care options open to them.  
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

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- c. 1915(b)(3)** - The State will share cost savings resulting from the use of more cost-effective medical care with enrollees by providing them with additional services. The savings must be expended for the benefit of the Medicaid beneficiary enrolled in the waiver. Note: this can only be requested in conjunction with section 1915(b)(1) or (b)(4) authority.  
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

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- d. 1915(b)(4)** - The State requires enrollees to obtain services only from specified providers who undertake to provide such services and meet reimbursement, quality, and utilization standards which are consistent with access, quality, and efficient and economic provision of covered care and services. The State assures it will

comply with 42 CFR 431.55(f).

-- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority

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The 1915(b)(4) waiver applies to the following programs

**MCO**

**PIHP**

**PAHP**

**PCCM** (Note: please check this item if this waiver is for a PCCM program that limits who is eligible to be a primary care case manager. That is, a program that requires PCCMs to meet certain quality/utilization criteria beyond the minimum requirements required to be a fee-for-service Medicaid contracting provider.)

**FFS Selective Contracting program**

Please describe:

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**A. Statutory Authority (2 of 3)**

**2. Sections Waived.** Relying upon the authority of the above section(s), the State requests a waiver of the following sections of 1902 of the Act (if this waiver authorizes multiple programs, please list program(s) separately under each applicable statute):

- a. **Section 1902(a)(1)** - Statewideness--This section of the Act requires a Medicaid State plan to be in effect in all political subdivisions of the State. This waiver program is not available throughout the State.  
-- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute

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- b. **Section 1902(a)(10)(B)** - Comparability of Services--This section of the Act requires all services for categorically needy individuals to be equal in amount, duration, and scope. This waiver program includes additional benefits such as case management and health education that will not be available to other Medicaid beneficiaries not enrolled in the waiver program.  
-- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute

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- c. **Section 1902(a)(23)** - Freedom of Choice--This Section of the Act requires Medicaid State plans to permit all individuals eligible for Medicaid to obtain medical assistance from any qualified provider in the State. Under this program, free choice of providers is restricted. That is, beneficiaries enrolled in this program must receive certain services through an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.  
-- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute

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- d. **Section 1902(a)(4)** - To permit the State to mandate beneficiaries into a single PIHP or PAHP, and restrict disenrollment from them. (If state seeks waivers of additional managed care provisions, please list here).

-- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute

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- e. **Other Statutes and Relevant Regulations Waived** - Please list any additional section(s) of the Act the State requests to waive, and include an explanation of the request.

-- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute

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**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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#### B. Delivery Systems (1 of 3)

**1. Delivery Systems.** The State will be using the following systems to deliver services:

- a. **MCO:** Risk-comprehensive contracts are fully-capitated and require that the contractor be an MCO or HIO. Comprehensive means that the contractor is at risk for inpatient hospital services and any other mandatory State plan service in section 1905(a), or any three or more mandatory services in that section. References in this preprint to MCOs generally apply to these risk-comprehensive entities.
- b. **PIHP:** Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan means an entity that: (1) provides medical services to enrollees under contract with the State agency, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments or other payment arrangements that do not use State Plan payment rates; (2) provides, arranges for, or otherwise has responsibility for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its enrollees; and (3) does not have a comprehensive risk contract. Note: this includes MCOs paid on a non-risk basis.

**The PIHP is paid on a risk basis**

**The PIHP is paid on a non-risk basis**

- c. **PAHP:** Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan means an entity that: (1) provides medical services to enrollees under contract with the State agency, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments, or other payment arrangements that do not use State Plan payment rates; (2) does not provide or arrange for, and is not otherwise responsible for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its enrollees; and (3) does not have a comprehensive risk contract. This includes capitated PCCMs.

**The PAHP is paid on a risk basis**

**The PAHP is paid on a non-risk basis**

- d. **PCCM:** A system under which a primary care case manager contracts with the State to furnish case management services. Reimbursement is on a fee-for-service basis. Note: a capitated PCCM is a PAHP.
- e. **Fee-for-service (FFS) selective contracting:** State contracts with specified providers who are willing to meet certain reimbursement, quality, and utilization standards.

**the same as stipulated in the state plan**  
**different than stipulated in the state plan**  
Please describe:

**f. Other:** (Please provide a brief narrative description of the model.)

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#### B. Delivery Systems (2 of 3)

**2. Procurement.** The State selected the contractor in the following manner. Please complete for each type of managed care entity utilized (e.g. procurement for MCO; procurement for PIHP, etc):

##### Procurement for MCO

**Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)

**Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)

**Sole source** procurement

**Other** (please describe)

##### Procurement for PIHP

**Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)

**Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)

**Sole source** procurement

**Other** (please describe)

##### Procurement for PAHP

**Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)

**Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)

**Sole source** procurement

**Other** (please describe)

**Procurement for PCCM**

**Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)

**Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)

**Sole source** procurement

**Other** (please describe)

**Procurement for FFS**

**Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)

**Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)

**Sole source** procurement

**Other** (please describe)

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**C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (1 of 3)**

**1. Assurances.**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(3) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.52, which require that a State that mandates Medicaid beneficiaries to enroll in an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM must give those beneficiaries a choice of at least two entities.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1932(a)(3) of the Act, which requires States to offer a choice of more than one PIHP or PAHP per 42 CFR 438.52. Please describe how the State will ensure this lack of choice of PIHP or PAHP is not detrimental to beneficiaries' ability to access services.

**2. Details.** The State will provide enrollees with the following choices (please replicate for each program in waiver):

*Program:* " **Indiana PathWays for Aging.** "

**Two or more MCOs**

**Two or more primary care providers within one PCCM system.**

A PCCM or one or more MCOs

Two or more PIHPs.

Two or more PAHPs.

Other:

please describe

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**C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (2 of 3)**

**3. Rural Exception.**

The State seeks an exception for rural area residents under section 1932(a)(3)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.52(b), and assures CMS that it will meet the requirements in that regulation, including choice of physicians or case managers, and ability to go out of network in specified circumstances. The State will use the rural exception in the following areas ( "rural area" must be defined as any area other than an "urban area" as defined in 42 CFR 412.62(f)(1)(ii)):

**4. 1915(b)(4) Selective Contracting.**

**Beneficiaries will be limited to a single provider in their service area**

Please define service area.

**Beneficiaries will be given a choice of providers in their service area**

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**C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (3 of 3)**

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**D. Geographic Areas Served by the Waiver (1 of 2)**

**1. General.** Please indicate the area of the State where the waiver program will be implemented. (If the waiver authorizes more than one program, please list applicable programs below item(s) the State checks.

- **Statewide** -- all counties, zip codes, or regions of the State  
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) for Statewide*

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- **Less than Statewide**  
 -- Specify Program Instance(s) for Less than Statewide

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**2. Details.** Regardless of whether item 1 or 2 is checked above, please list in the chart below the areas (i.e., cities, counties, and/or regions) and the name and type of entity or program (MCO, PIHP, PAHP, HIO, PCCM or other entity) with which the State will contract.

City/County/Region	Type of Program (PCCM, MCO, PIHP, or PAHP)	Name of Entity (for MCO, PIHP, PAHP)
All 92 Indiana Counties	MCO	Anthem, Humana, and UnitedHealthcare

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**D. Geographic Areas Served by the Waiver (2 of 2)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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**E. Populations Included in Waiver (1 of 3)**

Please note that the eligibility categories of Included Populations and Excluded Populations below may be modified as needed to fit the State’s specific circumstances.

**1. Included Populations.** The following populations are included in the Waiver Program:

**Section 1931 Children and Related Populations** are children including those eligible under Section 1931, poverty-level related groups and optional groups of older children.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**Section 1931 Adults and Related Populations** are adults including those eligible under Section 1931, poverty-level pregnant women and optional group of caretaker relatives.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**Blind/Disabled Adults and Related Populations** are beneficiaries, age 18 or older, who are eligible for Medicaid due to blindness or disability. Report Blind/Disabled Adults who are age 65 or older in this category, not in Aged.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**Blind/Disabled Children and Related Populations** are beneficiaries, generally under age 18, who are eligible for Medicaid due to blindness or disability.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**Aged and Related Populations** are those Medicaid beneficiaries who are age 65 or older and not members of the Blind/Disabled population or members of the Section 1931 Adult population.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**Foster Care Children** are Medicaid beneficiaries who are receiving foster care or adoption assistance (Title IV-E), are in foster-care, or are otherwise in an out-of-home placement.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**TITLE XXI SCHIP** is an optional group of targeted low-income children who are eligible to participate in Medicaid if the State decides to administer the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) through the Medicaid program.

**Mandatory enrollment**

**Voluntary enrollment**

**Other** (Please define):

Only individuals age 60 and over are enrolled in PathWays.  
 American Indians/Alaskan Natives in an eligibility category otherwise eligible for enrollment in PathWays are voluntarily enrolled and may opt-in to managed care entity (MCE) enrollment.

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**E. Populations Included in Waiver (2 of 3)**

**2. Excluded Populations.** Within the groups identified above, there may be certain groups of individuals who are excluded from the Waiver Program. For example, the “Aged” population may be required to enroll into the program, but “Dual Eligibles” within that population may not be allowed to participate. In addition, “Section 1931 Children” may be able to enroll voluntarily in a managed care program, but “Foster Care Children” within that population may be excluded from that program. Please indicate if any of the following populations are excluded from participating in the Waiver Program:

**Medicare Dual Eligible** --Individuals entitled to Medicare and eligible for some category of Medicaid benefits. (Section 1902(a)(10) and Section 1902(a)(10)(E))

**Poverty Level Pregnant Women** -- Medicaid beneficiaries, who are eligible only while pregnant and for a short time after delivery. This population originally became eligible for Medicaid under the SOBRA legislation.

**Other Insurance** --Medicaid beneficiaries who have other health insurance.

**Reside in Nursing Facility or ICF/IID** --Medicaid beneficiaries who reside in Nursing Facilities (NF) or Intermediate Care Facilities for the Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

**Enrolled in Another Managed Care Program** --Medicaid beneficiaries who are enrolled in another Medicaid managed care program

**Eligibility Less Than 3 Months** --Medicaid beneficiaries who would have less than three months of Medicaid eligibility remaining upon enrollment into the program.

**Participate in HCBS Waiver** --Medicaid beneficiaries who participate in a Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS, also referred to as a 1915(c) waiver).

**American Indian/Alaskan Native** --Medicaid beneficiaries who are American Indians or Alaskan Natives and members of federally recognized tribes.

**Special Needs Children (State Defined)** --Medicaid beneficiaries who are special needs children as defined by the State. Please provide this definition.

**SCHIP Title XXI Children** – Medicaid beneficiaries who receive services through the SCHIP program.

**Retroactive Eligibility** – Medicaid beneficiaries for the period of retroactive eligibility.

**Other** (Please define):

The following populations are excluded from enrollment in PathWays:

1. Individuals enrolled in an HCBS waiver other than the PathWays 1915(c) waiver
2. Partial benefit dual eligibles
3. Residents of an ICF/IID
4. Individuals who have opted to enroll in PACE
5. Individuals under age 60
6. End State Renal Disease (ESRD) Section 1115 Demonstration enrollees
7. Residential Care Assistance Program (RCAP) enrollees
8. Refugees
9. Enrollees with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in an out-of-state treatment facility
10. Individuals receiving psychiatric treatment in a state hospital
11. Individuals who are receiving hospice services at the time they become eligible for PathWays (including upon initial implementation of PathWays on July 1, 2024), unless they opt-in to PathWays enrollment

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**E. Populations Included in Waiver (3 of 3)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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**F. Services (1 of 5)**

List all services to be offered under the Waiver in Appendices D2.S. and D2.A of Section D, Cost-Effectiveness.

**1. Assurances.**

The State assures CMS that services under the Waiver Program will comply with the following federal requirements:

- Services will be available in the same amount, duration, and scope as they are under the State Plan per 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2).
- Access to emergency services will be assured per section 1932(b)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.114.
- Access to family planning services will be assured per section 1905(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 431.51(b)

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs. Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any. (See note below for limitations on requirements that may be waived).

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2), 438.114, and 431.51 (Coverage of Services, Emergency Services, and Family Planning) as applicable. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply. The State assures CMS that services will be available in the same amount, duration, and scope as they are under the State Plan.

The state assures CMS that it complies with Title I of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, in so far as these requirements are applicable to this waiver.

Note: Section 1915(b) of the Act authorizes the Secretary to waive most requirements of section 1902 of the Act for the purposes listed in sections 1915(b)(1)-(4) of the Act. However, within section 1915(b) there are prohibitions on waiving the following subsections of section 1902 of the Act for any type of waiver program:

- Section 1902(s) -- adjustments in payment for inpatient hospital services furnished to infants under age 1, and to children under age 6 who receive inpatient hospital services at a Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) facility.
- Sections 1902(a)(15) and 1902(bb) – prospective payment system for FQHC/RHC
- Section 1902(a)(10)(A) as it applies to 1905(a)(2)(C) – comparability of FQHC benefits among Medicaid beneficiaries
- Section 1902(a)(4)(C) -- freedom of choice of family planning providers
- Sections 1915(b)(1) and (4) also stipulate that section 1915(b) waivers may not waive freedom of choice of emergency services providers.

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**2. Emergency Services.** In accordance with sections 1915(b) and 1932(b) of the Act, and 42 CFR 431.55 and 438.114, enrollees in an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM must have access to emergency services without prior authorization, even if the emergency services provider does not have a contract with the entity.

The PAHP, PAHP, or FFS Selective Contracting program does not cover emergency services.

Emergency Services Category General Comments (optional):

**3. Family Planning Services.** In accordance with sections 1905(a)(4) and 1915(b) of the Act, and 42 CFR 431.51(b), prior authorization of, or requiring the use of network providers for family planning services is prohibited under the waiver program. Out-of-network family planning services are reimbursed in the following manner:

The MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be required to reimburse out-of-network family planning services.

The MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be required to pay for family planning services from network providers, and the State will pay for family planning services from out-of-network providers.

The State will pay for all family planning services, whether provided by network or out-of-network providers.

Other (please explain):

Family planning services are not included under the waiver.

Family Planning Services Category General Comments (optional):

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**4. FQHC Services.** In accordance with section 2088.6 of the State Medicaid Manual, access to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services will be assured in the following manner:

The program is **voluntary**, and the enrollee can disenroll at any time if he or she desires access to FQHC services. The MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM is not required to provide FQHC services to the enrollee during the enrollment period.

The program is **mandatory** and the enrollee is guaranteed a choice of at least one MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM which has at least one FQHC as a participating provider. If the enrollee elects not to select a MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM that gives him or her access to FQHC services, no FQHC services will be required to be furnished to the enrollee while the enrollee is enrolled with the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM he or she selected. Since reasonable access to FQHC services will be available under the waiver program, FQHC services outside the program will not be available. Please explain how the State will guarantee all enrollees will have a choice of at least one MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM with a participating FQHC:

MCEs are required to contract with a minimum of 90% of Medicaid enrolled FQHCs in Indiana. The State monitors for compliance with contractual requirements.

The program is **mandatory** and the enrollee has the right to obtain FQHC services **outside** this waiver program through the regular Medicaid Program.

FQHC Services Category General Comments (optional):

#### 5. EPSDT Requirements.

The managed care programs(s) will comply with the relevant requirements of sections 1905(a)(4)(b) (services), 1902(a)(43) (administrative requirements including informing, reporting, etc.), and 1905(r) (definition) of the Act related to Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

EPSDT Requirements Category General Comments (optional):

N/A - The waiver does not enroll individuals eligible for EPSDT.

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##### 6. 1915(b)(3) Services.

This waiver includes 1915(b)(3) expenditures. The services must be for medical or health-related care, or other services as described in 42 CFR Part 440, and are subject to CMS approval. Please describe below what these expenditures are for each waiver program that offers them. Include a description of the populations eligible, provider type, geographic availability, and reimbursement method.

1915(b)(3) Services Requirements Category General Comments:

##### 7. Self-referrals.

The State requires MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs to allow enrollees to self-refer (i.e. access without prior authorization) under the following circumstances or to the following subset of services in the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM contract:

Self-referrals Requirements Category General Comments:

Enrollees may self-refer to a provider who has entered into a provider agreement under IC 12-15-11 under the following circumstances:

1. Chiropractic services may be provided by a licensed chiropractor when rendered within the scope of the practice of chiropractic as defined in IC 25-10-1-1 and 846 IAC 1-1.
2. Eye care services, except surgical services, may be provided by any provider licensed under IC 25-22.5 (doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy) or IC 25-24 (optometrist).
3. Routine dental services may be provided by any in-network licensed dental provider.
4. Podiatric services may be provided by any provider licensed under IC 25-22.5 (doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy) or IC 25-29 (doctor of podiatric medicine).
5. Psychiatric services may be provided by any provider licensed under IC 25-22.5 (doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy).
6. Family planning services are self-referral to any Indiana Medicaid enrolled provider qualified to provide the family planning service(s), including providers that are not in the MCE’s network. Enrollees may not be restricted in choice of a family planning service provider.
7. Emergency services are covered without the need for prior authorization or the existence of an MCE contract with the emergency care provider.
8. Urgent care services are covered on a self-referral basis.
9. Immunizations are self-referral to any Indiana Medicaid enrolled provider.
10. Diabetes self-management services are available on a self-referral basis.
11. Behavioral health services are self-referral if rendered by an in-network provider. Enrollees may self-refer, within the MCE’s network, for behavioral health services not provided by a psychiatrist, including mental health, substance abuse and chemical dependency services rendered by mental health specialty providers. The mental health providers to which enrollees may self-refer in-network include: (i) outpatient mental health clinics; (ii) community mental health centers; (iii) psychologists; (iv) licensed psychologists; (v) health services providers in psychology (HSPPs); (vi) licensed social workers; (vii) licensed clinical social workers; (viii) psychiatric nurses; (ix) independent practice school psychologists; (x) advanced practice nurses under IC 25-23-1-1(b)(3), credentialed in psychiatric or mental health nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center; and (xi) persons holding a master’s degree in social work, marital and family therapy or mental health counseling (under the Clinic Option).

**8. Other.**

Other (Please describe)

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**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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### Part II: Access

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#### A. Timely Access Standards (1 of 7)

Each State must ensure that all services covered under the State plan are available and accessible to enrollees of the 1915(b) Waiver Program. Section 1915(b) of the Act prohibits restrictions on beneficiaries' access to emergency services and family planning services.

##### 1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services; in so far as these requirements are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

*If the 1915(b) Waiver Program does not include a PCCM component, please continue with Part II.B. Capacity Standards.*

## Section A: Program Description

### Part II: Access

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#### A. Timely Access Standards (2 of 7)

**2. Details for PCCM program.** The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below the activities the State uses to assure timely access to services.

- a. Availability Standards.** The State's PCCM Program includes established maximum distance and/or travel time requirements, given beneficiary's normal means of transportation, for waiver enrollees' access to the following providers. For each provider type checked, please describe the standard.

- 1. PCPs

*Please describe:*

- 2. Specialists

*Please describe:*

3. Ancillary providers

*Please describe:*

4. Dental

*Please describe:*

5. Hospitals

*Please describe:*

6. Mental Health

*Please describe:*

7. Pharmacies

*Please describe:*

8. Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

*Please describe:*

9. Other providers

*Please describe:*

**Part II: Access**

**A. Timely Access Standards (3 of 7)**

**2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)**

**b. Appointment Scheduling** means the time before an enrollee can acquire an appointment with his or her provider for both urgent and routine visits. The State’s PCCM Program includes established standards for appointment scheduling for waiver enrollee’s access to the following providers.

1. PCPs

*Please describe:*

2. Specialists

*Please describe:*

3. Ancillary providers

*Please describe:*

4. Dental

*Please describe:*

5. Mental Health

*Please describe:*

6. Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

*Please describe:*

7. Urgent care

*Please describe:*

8. Other providers

*Please describe:*

## Section A: Program Description

### Part II: Access

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#### A. Timely Access Standards (4 of 7)

##### 2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

c. **In-Office Waiting Times:** The State's PCCM Program includes established standards for in-office waiting times. For each provider type checked, please describe the standard.

1. PCPs

*Please describe:*

2. Specialists

*Please describe:*

3. Ancillary providers

*Please describe:*

4. Dental

*Please describe:*

5. Mental Health

*Please describe:*

**6. Substance Abuse Treatment Providers**

*Please describe:*

**7. Other providers**

*Please describe:*

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**A. Timely Access Standards (5 of 7)**

**2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)**

**d. Other Access Standards**

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**A. Timely Access Standards (6 of 7)**

**3. Details for 1915(b)(4)FFS selective contracting programs:** Please describe how the State assures timely access to the services covered under the selective contracting program.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**A. Timely Access Standards (7 of 7)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**B. Capacity Standards (1 of 6)**

**1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(b)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.207 Assurances of adequate capacity and services, in so far as these requirements are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(b)(5) and 42 CFR 438.207 Assurances of adequate capacity and services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

*If the 1915(b) Waiver Program does not include a PCCM component, please continue with Part II, C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards.*

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

**B. Capacity Standards (2 of 6)**

**2. Details for PCCM program.** The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below which of the strategies the State uses assure adequate provider capacity in the PCCM program.

- a. The State has set **enrollment limits** for each PCCM primary care provider.

*Please describe the enrollment limits and how each is determined:*

- b. The State ensures that there are adequate number of PCCM PCPs with **open panels**.

*Please describe the State's standard:*

- c. The State ensures that there is an **adequate number** of PCCM PCPs under the waiver assure access to all services covered under the Waiver.

*Please describe the State's standard for adequate PCP capacity:*

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

**B. Capacity Standards (3 of 6)**

**2. Details for PCCM program.** (Continued)

- d. The State compares **numbers of providers** before and during the Waiver.

Provider Type	# Before Waiver	# in Current Waiver	# Expected in Renewal

*Please note any limitations to the data in the chart above:*

- e. The State ensures adequate **geographic distribution** of PCCMs.

*Please describe the State's standard:*

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

**B. Capacity Standards (4 of 6)**

**2. Details for PCCM program.** (Continued)

- f. **PCP:Enrollee Ratio.** The State establishes standards for PCP to enrollee ratios.

Area/(City/County/Region)	PCCM-to-Enrollee Ratio

*Please note any changes that will occur due to the use of physician extenders.:*

- g. **Other capacity standards.**

*Please describe:*

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

**B. Capacity Standards (5 of 6)**

**3. Details for 1915(b)(4)FFS selective contracting programs:** Please describe how the State assures provider capacity has not been negatively impacted by the selective contracting program. Also, please provide a detailed capacity analysis of the number of beds (by type, per facility) – for facility programs, or vehicles (by type, per contractor) – for non-emergency transportation programs, needed per location to assure sufficient capacity under the waiver program. This analysis should consider increased enrollment and/or utilization expected under the waiver.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**B. Capacity Standards (6 of 6)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (1 of 5)**

**1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services; in so far as these requirements are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

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**C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (2 of 5)**

**2. Details on MCO/PIHP/PAHP enrollees with special health care needs.**

The following items are required.

- a. The plan is a PIHP/PAHP, and the State has determined that based on the plan’s scope of services, and how the State has organized the delivery system, that the **PIHP/PAHP need not meet the requirements** for additional services for enrollees with special health care needs in 42 CFR 438.208.

*Please provide justification for this determination:*

- b. Identification.** The State has a mechanism to identify persons with special health care needs to MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs, as those persons are defined by the State.

*Please describe:*

MCEs are contractually required to conduct an initial screening of each enrollee within 30 calendar days of the effective date of enrollment to identify immediate physical, LTSS, and/or behavioral healthcare needs and facilitate assignment to the appropriate care coordination level of service. At a minimum, the initial screening shall:

- Utilize the State-developed Health Needs Screening tool;
- Utilize claims data, health information exchange data, information gathered in the screening, medical records and other sources, as available;
- Identify gaps in the enrollee's care and facilitate communication to relevant providers;
- Identify any immediate physical and/or behavioral health needs;
- Determine need for care coordination levels of service and LTSS-specific service coordination;
- Determine need for a referral of the enrollee for a nursing facility level of care assessment and determination;
- Conduct review of clinical history;
- Gather information regarding level and type of existing care management; and
- Provide an option for enrollees to decline care coordination and/or service coordination with information on how to opt back in at any time.

- c. Assessment.** Each MCO/PIHP/PAHP will implement mechanisms, using appropriate health care professionals, to assess each enrollee identified by the State to identify any ongoing special conditions that require a course of treatment or regular care monitoring. Please describe:

*Please describe the enrollment limits and how each is determined:*

MCEs are responsible for conducting a comprehensive health assessment for all enrollees following the initial screening, using the State-developed comprehensive health assessment tool (CHAT). The assessment identifies the clinical, psychosocial, functional, and financial needs of the enrollee and is used to develop an individualized care plan. The CHAT includes a functional assessment based on the interRAI, a social determinants of health questionnaire based on the Accountable Health Communities Model, and an assessment of vulnerability and risk factors for abuse and neglect. MCEs may augment the CHAT with State approval. The MCE collects and reviews medical and educational information, and family/caregiver input, to identify care strengths, health needs, and available resources. The assessment includes a review of claims history and/or contact with the enrollee, enrollee's family, primary medical provider (PMP), or other significant providers. A clinician on the MCE's Care Coordination team reviews the findings of the CHAT and provides to the interdisciplinary care team and primary providers, including the enrollee's PMP and/or behavioral health care providers, as applicable.

- d. Treatment Plans.** For enrollees with special health care needs who need a course of treatment or regular care monitoring, the State requires the MCO/PIHP/PAHP to produce a treatment plan. If so, the treatment plan meets the following requirements:

1. Developed by enrollees' primary care provider with enrollee participation, and in consultation with any specialists' care for the enrollee.
2. Approved by the MCO/PIHP/PAHP in a timely manner (if approval required by plan).
3. In accord with any applicable State quality assurance and utilization review standards.

*Please describe:*

After the initial screening and assessment, the MCE assigns enrollees to a care coordination level of service, develops an individualized care plan (ICP), and coordinates the holistic care of each enrollee according to their needs. The MCE uses a strengths-based, person-centered ICP development process and uses data from, at minimum, claims, initial screening, comprehensive assessment, D-SNP Health Risk Assessment (if applicable), available medical records, and Indiana Scheduled Prescription Electronic Collection & Tracking. The MCE uses the information to identify gaps in the enrollee's current treatment approach, and communicates those findings to the enrollee's PMP or other appropriate physician. The MCE assists the enrollee, family, caregivers, and physician(s) to develop an ICP with specific objectives, goals, and interventions to meet identified needs. The MCE initiates and facilitates specific activities, interventions and protocols that lead to accomplishing the goals set forth in the ICP and is responsible for facilitating timely and secure communication and information sharing between providers, caregivers, and stakeholders.

- e. **Direct access to specialists.** If treatment plan or regular care monitoring is in place, the MCO/PIHP/PAHP has a mechanism in place to allow enrollees to directly access specialists as appropriate for enrollee's condition and identified needs.

*Please describe:*

MCEs are contractually required to allow enrollees with special needs, who are determined to need a course of treatment or regular care monitoring, to directly access a specialist for treatment via an established mechanism such as a standing referral from the enrollee's primary medical provider (PMP) or an approved number of visits. Treatment provided by the specialist must be appropriate for the enrollee's condition and identified needs.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part II: Access

#### C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (3 of 5)

- 3. **Details for PCCM program.** The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below which of the strategies the State uses assure adequate provider capacity in the PCCM program.

- a. Each enrollee selects or is assigned to a **primary care provider** appropriate to the enrollee's needs.
- b. Each enrollee selects or is assigned to a designated **designated health care practitioner** who is primarily responsible for coordinating the enrollee's overall health care.
- c. Each enrollee is receives **health education/promotion** information.

*Please explain:*

- d. Each provider maintains, for Medicaid enrollees, **health records** that meet the requirements established by the State, taking into account professional standards.
- e. There is appropriate and confidential **exchange of information** among providers.
- f. Enrollees receive information about specific health conditions that require **follow-up** and, if appropriate, are given training in self-care.
- g. Primary care case managers **address barriers** that hinder enrollee compliance with prescribed treatments or regimens, including the use of traditional and/or complementary medicine.
- h. **Additional case management** is provided.

*Please include how the referred services and the medical forms will be coordinated among the practitioners, and documented in the primary care case manager's files.*

**i. Referrals.**

*Please explain in detail the process for a patient referral. In the description, please include how the referred services and the medical forms will be coordinated among the practitioners, and documented in the primary care case managers' files.*

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

**C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (4 of 5)**

**4. Details for 1915(b)(4) only programs:** If applicable, please describe how the State assures that continuity and coordination of care are not negatively impacted by the selective contracting program.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part II: Access**

**C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (5 of 5)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Continued from 2.C - Assessment: Individuals identified during the initial screening as having LTSS needs are referred for a nursing facility LOC assessment if one has not yet been completed. For enrollees with a LOC, including both those residing in a facility or receiving 1915(c) waiver services, the Service Coordinator uses the results of the individual's CHAT and/or LOC assessment as the foundation of the strengths-based, LTSS-specific service planning process. Additional details on the LTSS assessment process are described in the concurrent 1915(c) PathWays waiver.

Continued from 2.D-Treatment Plans: Based on the outcomes of the assessments, a person-centered support plan (Service Plan) is developed to address the enrollee's LTSS needs and goals. The Service Plan must be integrated into the enrollee's record and overall Individualized Care Plan (ICP). Additional details on the LTSS service planning process are described in the concurrent 1915(c) PathWays waiver.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part III: Quality**

**1. Assurances for MCO or PIHP programs**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202, 438.204, 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230, 438.236, 438.240, and 438.242 in so far as these regulations are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202, 438.204, 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230, 438.236, 438.240, and 438.242. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

Section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202 requires that each State Medicaid agency that contracts with MCOs and PIHPs submit to CMS a written strategy for assessing and improving the quality of managed care services offered by all MCOs and PIHPs.

The State assures CMS that this **quality strategy** was initially submitted to the CMS Regional Office on:

05/31/24

 (mm/dd/yy)

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart E, to arrange for an annual, independent, **external quality review** of the outcomes and timeliness of, and access to the services delivered under each MCO/ PIHP contract. Note: EQR for PIHPs is required beginning March 2004.

*Please provide the information below (modify chart as necessary):*

Program Type	Name of Organization	Activities Conducted		
		EQR study	Mandatory Activities	Optional Activities
MCO	Qsource		All mandatory activities as described in 42 CFR 438.358(b)	
PIHP				

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part III: Quality**

**2. Assurances For PAHP program**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230 and 438.236, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c) (1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230 and 438.236. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the

MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

### Section A: Program Description

#### Part III: Quality

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**3. Details for PCCM program.** The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have access to medically necessary services of adequate quality. Please note below the strategies the State uses to assure quality of care in the PCCM program.

- a. The State has developed a set of overall quality **improvement guidelines** for its PCCM program.

*Please describe:*

### Section A: Program Description

#### Part III: Quality

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**3. Details for PCCM program.** (Continued)

- b. **State Intervention:** If a problem is identified regarding the quality of services received, the State will intervene as indicated below.

1. Provide education and informal mailings to beneficiaries and PCCMs
2. Initiate telephone and/or mail inquiries and follow-up
3. Request PCCM's response to identified problems
4. Refer to program staff for further investigation
5. Send warning letters to PCCMs
6. Refer to State's medical staff for investigation
7. Institute corrective action plans and follow-up
8. Change an enrollee's PCCM
9. Institute a restriction on the types of enrollees
10. Further limit the number of assignments
11. Ban new assignments
12. Transfer some or all assignments to different PCCMs
13. Suspend or terminate PCCM agreement
14. Suspend or terminate as Medicaid providers
15. Other

*Please explain:*

### Section A: Program Description

#### Part III: Quality

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**3. Details for PCCM program.** (Continued)

- c. **Selection and Retention of Providers:** This section provides the State the opportunity to describe any

requirements, policies or procedures it has in place to allow for the review and documentation of qualifications and other relevant information pertaining to a provider who seeks a contract with the State or PCCM administrator as a PCCM. This section is required if the State has applied for a 1915(b)(4) waiver that will be applicable to the PCCM program.

Please check any processes or procedures listed below that the State uses in the process of selecting and retaining PCCMs. The State (please check all that apply):

- 1. Has a documented process for selection and retention of PCCMs (please submit a copy of that documentation).
- 2. Has an initial credentialing process for PCCMs that is based on a written application and site visits as appropriate, as well as primary source verification of licensure, disciplinary status, and eligibility for payment under Medicaid.
- 3. Has a recredentialing process for PCCMs that is accomplished within the time frame set by the State and through a process that updates information obtained through the following (check all that apply):
  - A. Initial credentialing
  - B. Performance measures, including those obtained through the following (check all that apply):
    - The utilization management system.
    - The complaint and appeals system.
    - Enrollee surveys.
    - Other.

*Please describe:*

- 4. Uses formal selection and retention criteria that do not discriminate against particular providers such as those who serve high risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment.
- 5. Has an initial and recredentialing process for PCCMs other than individual practitioners (e.g., rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers) to ensure that they are and remain in compliance with any Federal or State requirements (e.g., licensure).
- 6. Notifies licensing and/or disciplinary bodies or other appropriate authorities when suspensions or terminations of PCCMs take place because of quality deficiencies.
- 7. Other

*Please explain:*

### Section A: Program Description

#### Part III: Quality

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#### 3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

- d. Other quality standards (please describe):

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part III: Quality**

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**4. Details for 1915(b)(4) only programs:** Please describe how the State assures quality in the services that are covered by the selective contracting program. Please describe the provider selection process, including the criteria used to select the providers under the waiver. These include quality and performance standards that the providers must meet. Please also describe how each criteria is weighted:

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

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**A. Marketing (1 of 4)**

**1. Assurances**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.104 Marketing activities; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(d)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.104 Marketing activities. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

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**Part IV: Program Operations**

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**A. Marketing (2 of 4)**

**2. Details**

**a. Scope of Marketing**

1. The State does not permit direct or indirect marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers.
2. The State permits indirect marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers (e.g., radio and TV advertising for the MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM in general).

*Please list types of indirect marketing permitted:*

3. The State permits direct marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers (e.g., direct mail to Medicaid beneficiaries).

*Please list types of direct marketing permitted:*

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

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#### A. Marketing (3 of 4)

##### 2. Details (Continued)

**b. Description.** Please describe the State's procedures regarding direct and indirect marketing by answering the following questions, if applicable.

1. The State prohibits or limits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs/selective contracting FFS providers from offering gifts or other incentives to potential enrollees.

*Please explain any limitation or prohibition and how the State monitors this:*

MCEs are permitted to distribute tokens or gifts of nominal value at community oriented events (e.g., community health fairs), so long as the MCE complies with all provisions provided for in 42 CFR 438.104, and other federal and state regulations and guidance regarding inducements in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. All materials and plans must be reviewed and approved by the State prior to distribution. Additionally, MCEs submit reporting regarding all outreach activities.

2. The State permits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs/selective contracting FFS providers to pay their marketing representatives based on the number of new Medicaid enrollees he/she recruited into the plan.

*Please explain how the State monitors marketing to ensure it is not coercive or fraudulent:*

3. The State requires MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM/selective contracting FFS providers to translate marketing materials.

*Please list languages materials will be translated into. (If the State does not translate or require the translation of marketing materials, please explain):*

MCEs are contractually required to make outreach and education materials available to enrollees and potential enrollees in the individual's preferred language. This includes English, Spanish, and other prevalent non-English languages identified by the State.

The State has chosen these languages because (check any that apply):

- a. The languages comprise all prevalent languages in the service area.

*Please describe the methodology for determining prevalent languages:*

- b. The languages comprise all languages in the service area spoken by approximately  percent or more of the population.

- c. Other

*Please explain:*

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**Part IV: Program Operations**

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**A. Marketing (4 of 4)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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**B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (1 of 5)**

**1. Assurances**

The State assures CMS that it complies with Federal Regulations found at section 1932(a)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.10 Information requirements; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.10 Information requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

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B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (2 of 5)

2. Details

a. Non-English Languages

- 1. Potential enrollee and enrollee materials will be translated into the prevalent non-English languages.

*Please list languages materials will be translated into. (If the State does not require written materials to be translated, please explain):*

Materials are translated into Spanish and any additional prevalent non-English languages identified by the State. MCEs must also identify additional languages that are prevalent among their membership.

If the State does not translate or require the translation of marketing materials, please explain:

The State defines prevalent non-English languages as: (check any that apply):

- a. The languages spoken by significant number of potential enrollees and enrollees.

*Please explain how the State defines "significant.":*

- b. The languages spoken by approximately 3.00 percent or more of the potential enrollee/enrollee population.

- c. Other

*Please explain:*

- 2. Please describe how oral translation services are available to all potential enrollees and enrollees, regardless of language spoken.

MCEs arrange for oral interpretation services for the member services helpline, 24 hour nurse call line, transportation, assessment and stratification, and care coordination. MCEs must also ensure its provider network arranges for interpretation services in a provider's location. The Enrollment Broker and Member Support Services Contractor also provide oral interpretation services.

- 3. The State will have a mechanism in place to help enrollees and potential enrollees understand the managed care program.

*Please describe:*

The State utilizes websites, the Enrollment Broker, Member Support Services Contractor, MCE helplines, and Division of Family Resource (DFR) offices to educate enrollees on PathWays. This includes factors such as MCE service area, benefits covered, network provider information, and how to access services.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (3 of 5)

##### 2. Details (Continued)

##### b. Potential Enrollee Information

Information is distributed to potential enrollees by:

State

Contractor

*Please specify:*

Information is distributed by the Enrollment Broker which provides choice counseling and assistance in understanding managed care. Additionally, the Level of Care Assessment Representative (LCAR) vendor provides options counseling to individuals referred for a level of care assessment, providing information about available HCBS and LTSS, including through PathWays.

There are no potential enrollees in this program. (Check this if State automatically enrolls beneficiaries into a single PIHP or PAHP.)

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### Part IV: Program Operations

#### B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (4 of 5)

##### 2. Details (Continued)

##### c. Enrollee Information

The State has designated the following as responsible for providing required information to enrollees:

the State

State contractor

*Please specify:*

The Enrollment Broker provides information regarding MCE selection and assignment. The Member Support Services Contractor provides beneficiary supports as required in accordance with 42 CFR 438.71.

The MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM/FFS selective contracting provider.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (5 of 5)

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (1 of 6)**

**1. Assurances**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs. (Please check this item if the State has requested a waiver of the choice of plan requirements in section A.I.C.)

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (2 of 6)**

**2. Details**

Please describe the State's enrollment process for MCOs/PIHPs/PAHP/PCCMs and FFS selective contracting provider by checking the applicable items below.

**a. Outreach**

The State conducts outreach to inform potential enrollees, providers, and other interested parties of the managed care program.

*Please describe the outreach process, and specify any special efforts made to reach and provide information to special populations included in the waiver program:*

The State engaged extensively with stakeholders in developing PathWays. This included leveraging over 200 stakeholder meetings, with representation from diverse groups such as recipients and families, caregivers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home-based providers, health care providers, Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), AARP, advocates, experts in the needs and wellness of older adults, and health coalitions. For example, stakeholders spent over 1,700 hours with FSSA in co-design and workgroup sessions. FSSA stakeholders contributed 75% of a Request for Information (RFI) released to MCEs in the summer of 2021. This RFI, along with continued stakeholder engagement and peer-state best practices informed the final program design and MCE Request for Proposals (RFP).

Ongoing engagement with stakeholders regarding PathWays is assured through a variety of strategies. For example, FSSA has formed an independent Aging and LTSS Advisory Committee that convenes quarterly. The Committee includes a cross-representation of enrollees, formal and informal caregivers, enrollee advocates, aging and disability-led advocacy groups, subject matter experts, and other independent stakeholders. This committee provides recommendations and proposals for the development of quality measures, reporting requirements, transparency and data requirements, and value-based reimbursement methodologies to State staff. Additionally, the committee is a venue to discuss concerns relating to service by providers and the MCEs.

MCEs are also required to convene a minimum of four regional enrollee and informal caregiver advocacy committees at least quarterly. The purpose of the MCE committees is to provide enrollee, informal caregiver, and advocate input into program development and feedback on the enrollee experience. MCEs present information to the committee and seek its advice regarding the experience of enrollees and their informal supports, service gaps, approaches to enrollee outreach and education, reinvestment opportunities, and the MCE's proposed approaches to initiatives and interventions to improve quality of care.

Additionally, MCEs are required to develop a formal process, subject to State review, for ongoing education of stakeholders prior to, during, and after implementation of PathWays. This includes publicizing methods by which enrollees can ask questions regarding PathWays. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to, providers, advocates, and enrollees.

Education and outreach to potential enrollees is the primary responsibility of the Enrollment Broker. The Enrollment Broker provides choice counseling in accordance with 42 CFR 438.71(c). This includes educating potential enrollees on PathWays and conducting education and outreach to facilitate MCE selection. Choice counseling includes providing unbiased, comparative information on available MCEs such as covered services, educational programs, enhanced services, and provider network information.

Additionally, the Level of Care Assessment Representative (LCAR) vendor performs intake counseling for all individuals referred for a LOC assessment. Options counseling is an interactive process where individuals receive information about the available HCBS and LTSS services that the State offers including those offered through PathWays. For potential enrollees, the LCAR vendor describes the program and provides individuals interested in enrolling in PathWays with support in connecting with the Enrollment Broker at the time of intake counseling.

In accordance with 42 CFR 438.71, PathWays enrollees also have access to beneficiary support system services through the Member Support Services Contractor. This includes educating enrollees about managed care operations, how to access services, and MCE responsibilities to enrollees. As needed, the Member Support Services Contractor serves as a mediator between the MCE and enrollee, educates and supports enrollees through the grievance, appeal, and state fair hearing process. Referrals to other support entities are also provided, as appropriate.

Medicaid providers are informed of PathWays through a variety of communication strategies. For example, the State maintains a website at [www.in.gov/medicaid](http://www.in.gov/medicaid) through which information on all Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP), including PathWays, is provided. Information is also provided via the IHCP Provider Manual, newsletters, banners, bulletins, IHCP Provider Workshops, and IHCP Provider Relations Field Consultants. Additionally, MCEs are contractually required to provide ongoing education to its provider network on PathWays and MCE-specific policies and procedures.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (3 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

b. Administration of Enrollment Process

State staff conducts the enrollment process.

The State contracts with an independent contractor(s) (i.e., enrollment broker) to conduct the enrollment process and related activities.

The State assures CMS the enrollment broker contract meets the independence and freedom from conflict of interest requirements in section 1903(b) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.810.

Broker name: Maximus

Please list the functions that the contractor will perform:

- choice counseling
- enrollment
- other

Please describe:

[Empty text box for description]

State allows MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM to enroll beneficiaries.

Please describe the process:

[Empty text box for process description]

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (4 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

c. Enrollment . The State has indicated which populations are mandatorily enrolled and which may enroll on a voluntary basis in Section A.I.E.

This is a new program.

Please describe the implementation schedule (e.g. implemented statewide all at once; phased in by area; phased in by population, etc.):

PathWays will be implemented statewide effective July 1, 2024. Targeted outreach to eligible individuals on the enrollment process and MCE options will begin six months prior to program go-live. As individuals select an MCE, pertinent information will be accessible to the selected plan to permit continuity of care and initiate key care coordination planning prior to go-live. This will include information such as outstanding prior authorizations, claims data, care management information, and service plans. Individuals will have a minimum of 60 days to select an MCE prior to being auto-assigned and auto-assignment will occur a minimum of 60 days before program go-live. This prospective assignment process has been designed to facilitate advanced care planning and ensure sufficient transition activities. Individuals will have the opportunity to change MCEs prior to program go-live and in the first 90 days of enrollment without cause.

This is an **existing program** that will be expanded during the renewal period.

*Please describe:* Please describe the **implementation schedule** (e.g. new population implemented statewide all at once; phased in by area; phased in by population, etc.):

If a potential enrollee **does not select** an MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM within the given time frame, the potential enrollee will be **auto-assigned** or default assigned to a plan.

- i. Potential enrollees will have  **day(s) / month(s)** to choose a plan.
- ii. There is an auto-assignment process or algorithm.

*In the description please indicate the factors considered and whether or not the auto-assignment process assigns persons with special health care needs to an MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM who is their current provider or who is capable of serving their particular needs:*

The auto-assignment logic considers established provider relationships, assignment of all family members to the same MCE, and alignment between Medicare and Medicaid plans. If enrollees cannot be matched to an MCE based on these factors, they are assigned to an MCE on a target percentage basis.

In the absence of self-selection of an MCE, the hierarchy for auto-assignment considers the following factors:

1. Active enrollment in companion D-SNP
2. Active or ongoing enrollment in an MCE with another Indiana Medicaid managed care program (Hoosier Care Connect (HCC), Hoosier Healthwise (HHW), or Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP))
3. HCC, HHW, HIP or PathWays MCE assignment within last 90 days
4. Spouse active in PathWays MCE
5. Prior companion D-SNP in last 90 days
6. Primary medical provider within last 12 months
7. Default assignment on a target percentage basis

The State automatically enrolls beneficiaries.

on a mandatory basis into a single MCO, PIHP, or PAHP in a rural area (please also check item A.I.C.3).

on a mandatory basis into a single PIHP or PAHP for which it has requested a waiver of the requirement of choice of plans (please also check item A.I.C.1).

on a voluntary basis into a single MCO, PIHP, or PAHP. The State must first offer the beneficiary a choice. If the beneficiary does not choose, the State may enroll the beneficiary as long as the beneficiary can opt out at any time without cause.

*Please specify geographic areas where this occurs:*

The State provides **guaranteed eligibility** of  months (maximum of 6 months permitted) for MCO/PCCM enrollees under the State plan.

The State allows otherwise mandated beneficiaries to request **exemption** from enrollment in an MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM.

*Please describe the circumstances under which a beneficiary would be eligible for exemption from enrollment. In addition, please describe the exemption process:*

The State **automatically re-enrolls** a beneficiary with the same PCCM or MCO/PIHP/PAHP if there is a loss of Medicaid eligibility of 2 months or less.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (5 of 6)

##### 2. Details (Continued)

##### d. Disenrollment

The State allows enrollees to **disenroll** from/transfer between MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs. Regardless of whether plan or State makes the determination, determination must be made no later than the first day of the second month following the month in which the enrollee or plan files the request. If determination is not made within this time frame, the request is deemed approved.

- i.** Enrollee submits request to State.
- ii.** Enrollee submits request to MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM. The entity may approve the request, or refer it to the State. The entity may not disapprove the request.
- iii.** Enrollee must seek redress through MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM grievance procedure before determination will be made on disenrollment request.

The State **does not permit disenrollment** from a single PIHP/PAHP (authority under 1902 (a)(4) authority must be requested), or from an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP in a rural area.

The State has a **lock-in** period (i.e. requires continuous enrollment with MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM) of  12 months (up to 12 months permitted). If so, the State assures it meets the requirements of 42 CFR 438.56(c).

*Please describe the good cause reasons for which an enrollee may request disenrollment during the lock-in period (in addition to required good cause reasons of poor quality of care, lack of access to covered services, and lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with enrollee’s health care needs):*

- Failure of the MCE to provide covered services
- Failure of the MCE to comply with established standards of medical care administration
- Significant language or cultural barriers
- Corrective action levied against the MCE
- Limited access to a primary care clinic or other health services within reasonable proximity to an enrollee's residence
- Determination that another MCE's formulary is more consistent with a new enrollee's existing health care needs
- Service not covered by the MCE for moral or religious objections
- Related services required to be performed at the same time, not all services are available within the MCE's network, and the enrollee's provider determines receiving the services separately would subject the member to unnecessary risk
- Enrollee's primary healthcare provider disenrolls from current MCE and reenrolls with another MCE
- The enrollee would have to change their residential, institutional, or employment supports provider based on that provider's disenrollment from the MCE network and, as a result, would experience a disruption in their residence or employment
- Other circumstances determined to constitute poor quality of health care coverage

The State does not have a **lock-in**, and enrollees in MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs are allowed to terminate or change their enrollment without cause at any time. The disenrollment/transfer is effective no later than the first day of the second month following the request.

The State permits **MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs to request disenrollment** of enrollees.

- i. MCO/PIHP/PAHP and PCCM can request reassignment of an enrollee.

*Please describe the reasons for which enrollees can request reassignment*

- ii. The State reviews and approves all MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM-initiated requests for enrollee transfers or disenrollments.
- iii. If the reassignment is approved, the State notifies the enrollee in a direct and timely manner of the desire of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM to remove the enrollee from its membership or from the PCCM's caseload.
- iv. The enrollee remains an enrollee of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM until another MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM is chosen or assigned.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (6 of 6)

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Note regarding the State's response to "The State allows enrollees to disenroll from/transfer between MCOs": After filing a grievance with the MCE, if the enrollee remains dissatisfied with the outcome, they can contact the Enrollment Broker to request disenrollment. The Enrollment Broker reviews the request and makes a disenrollment determination. The Enrollment Broker makes a preliminary recommendation to the State about approving or denying the enrollee's request.

Note regarding the State's response to the enrollment/auto-assignment process: Potential enrollees may select an MCE while their eligibility determination is pending. Informational notices and Enrollment Broker outreach is conducted. If an MCE selection is not made prior to the final eligibility determination, the individual is auto-assigned and may request a change within the first 90 days of enrollment. The MCEs are required to maintain a fully integrated dual eligible special needs plan (FIDE D-SNP), as defined in 42 CFR 422.2, that operates statewide. Effective January 1, 2026, the State will require exclusively aligned enrollment for full-benefit dual eligible PathWays enrollees who choose to enroll in the FIDE-SNP. Assignment to a PathWays MCE is driven by the enrollee's FIDE D-SNP selection.

Note regarding the State's lock-in provision: Enrollees are also permitted to change MCEs once per calendar year for any reason and at any time their Medicare and Medicaid plans become unaligned. In accordance with 42 CFR 423.38(c)(35), full-benefit dual eligibles are permitted to make a one-time per month election into the FIDE-SNP to facilitate aligned enrollment. The State holds an annual open enrollment period that aligns with the Medicare open enrollment window; changes made during open enrollment become effective the first of the following calendar year.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### D. Enrollee Rights (1 of 2)

##### 1. Assurances

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart C Enrollee Rights and Protections.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act and 42 CFR Subpart C Enrollee Rights and Protections. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

The State assures CMS it will satisfy all HIPAA Privacy standards as contained in the HIPAA rules found at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### D. Enrollee Rights (2 of 2)

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**E. Grievance System (1 of 5)**

**1. Assurances for All Programs** States, MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and States in PCCM and FFS selective contracting programs are required to provide Medicaid enrollees with access to the State fair hearing process as required under 42 CFR 431 Subpart E, including:

- a. informing Medicaid enrollees about their fair hearing rights in a manner that assures notice at the time of an action,
- b. ensuring that enrollees may request continuation of benefits during a course of treatment during an appeal or reinstatement of services if State takes action without the advance notice and as required in accordance with State Policy consistent with fair hearings. The State must also inform enrollees of the procedures by which benefits can be continued for reinstated, and
- c. other requirements for fair hearings found in 42 CFR 431, Subpart E.

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**E. Grievance System (2 of 5)**

**2. Assurances For MCO or PIHP programs.** MCOs/PIHPs are required to have an internal grievance system that allows an enrollee or a provider on behalf of an enrollee to challenge the denial of coverage of, or payment for services as required by section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart H.

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart F Grievance System, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO or PIHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart F Grievance System. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**E. Grievance System (3 of 5)**

**3. Details for MCO or PIHP programs**

**a. Direct Access to Fair Hearing**

The State **requires** enrollees to **exhaust** the MCO or PIHP grievance and appeal process before enrollees may request a state fair hearing.

The State **does not require** enrollees to **exhaust** the MCO or PIHP grievance and appeal process before enrollees may request a state fair hearing.

**b. Timeframes**

The State’s timeframe within which an enrollee, or provider on behalf of an enrollee, must file an **appeal** is  days (between 20 and 90).

The State’s timeframe within which an enrollee must file a **grievance** is  days.

**c. Special Needs**

The State has special processes in place for persons with special needs.

*Please describe:*

The Member Support Services Contractor provides beneficiary support system services per 42 CFR 438.71(d). They are an access point for enrollee grievances and appeals, and provide education on grievance, appeal, and state fair hearing rights. The Contractor also provides assistance in navigating the process and appealing MCE adverse benefit determinations.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**E. Grievance System (4 of 5)**

**4. Optional grievance systems for PCCM and PAHP programs.** States, at their option, may operate a PCCM and/or PAHP grievance procedure (distinct from the fair hearing process) administered by the State agency or the PCCM and/or PAHP that provides for prompt resolution of issues. These grievance procedures are strictly voluntary and may not interfere with a PCCM, or PAHP enrollee’s freedom to make a request for a fair hearing or a PCCM or PAHP enrollee’s direct access to a fair hearing in instances involving terminations, reductions, and suspensions of already authorized Medicaid covered services.

The State has a grievance procedure for its PCCM and/or PAHP program characterized by the following (please check any of the following optional procedures that apply to the optional PCCM/PAHP grievance procedure):  
The grievance procedures are operated by:

- the State
- the State’s contractor.

Please identify:

- the PCCM
- the PAHP

Requests for review can be made in the PCCM and/or PAHP grievance system (e.g. grievance, appeals):

*Please describe:*

Has a committee or staff who review and resolve requests for review.

*Please describe if the State has any specific committee or staff composition or if this is a fiscal agent, enrollment broker, or PCCM administrator function:*

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Specifies a time frame from the date of action for the enrollee to file a request for review.

*Please specify the time frame for each type of request for review:*

[Empty text box]

Has time frames for resolving requests for review.

*Specify the time period set for each type of request for review:*

[Empty text box]

Establishes and maintains an expedited review process.

*Please explain the reasons for the process and specify the time frame set by the State for this process:*

[Empty text box]

Permits enrollees to appear before State PCCM/PAHP personnel responsible for resolving the request for review.

Notifies the enrollee in writing of the decision and any further opportunities for additional review, as well as the procedures available to challenge the decision.

Other.

*Please explain:*

[Empty text box]

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**E. Grievance System (5 of 5)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

As required in the D-SNP State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC), the MCEs must operate a unified appeals and grievance process with their companion D-SNP plan that adheres to requirements outlined in 42 CFR 422.629 – 422.634.

**Section A: Program Description**

**Part IV: Program Operations**

**F. Program Integrity (1 of 3)**

**1. Assurances**

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.610 Prohibited Affiliations with Individuals Barred by Federal Agencies. The State assures that it prohibits an MCO, PCCM,

PIHP, or PAHP from knowingly having a relationship listed below with:

1. An individual who is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in nonprocurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549, or
2. An individual who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, of a person described above.

The prohibited relationships are:

1. A director, officer, or partner of the MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP;
2. A person with beneficial ownership of five percent or more of the MCO's, PCCM's, PIHP's, or PAHP's equity;
3. A person with an employment, consulting or other arrangement with the MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP for the provision of items and services that are significant and material to the MCO's, PCCM's, PIHP's, or PAHP's obligations under its contract with the State.

The State assures that it complies with section 1902(p)(2) and 42 CFR 431.55, which require section 1915(b) waiver programs to exclude entities that:

1. Could be excluded under section 1128(b)(8) of the Act as being controlled by a sanctioned individual;
2. Has a substantial contractual relationship (direct or indirect) with an individual convicted of certain crimes described in section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Act;
3. Employs or contracts directly or indirectly with an individual or entity that is
  - a. precluded from furnishing health care, utilization review, medical social services, or administrative services pursuant to section 1128 or 1128A of the Act, or
  - b. could be excluded under 1128(b)(8) as being controlled by a sanctioned individual.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### F. Program Integrity (2 of 3)

##### 2. Assurances For MCO or PIHP programs

The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.608 Program Integrity Requirements, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

State payments to an MCO or PIHP are based on data submitted by the MCO or PIHP. If so, the State assures CMS that it is in compliance with 42 CFR 438.604 Data that must be Certified, and 42 CFR 438.606 Source, Content, Timing of Certification.

The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO or PIHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.604 Data that must be Certified; 438.606 Source, Content, Timing of Certification; and 438.608 Program Integrity Requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

## Section A: Program Description

### Part IV: Program Operations

#### F. Program Integrity (3 of 3)

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

**Section B: Monitoring Plan**

**Part I: Summary Chart of Monitoring Activities**

**Summary of Monitoring Activities (1 of 3)**

The charts in this section summarize the activities used to monitor major areas of the waiver program. The purpose is to provide a “big picture” of the monitoring activities, and that the State has at least one activity in place to monitor each of the areas of the waiver that must be monitored.

Please note:

- **MCO, PIHP, and PAHP** programs:
  - There must be at least one checkmark in each column.
- **PCCM and FFS selective contracting** programs:
  - There must be at least one checkmark in each column under “Evaluation of Program Impact.”
  - There must be at least one check mark in one of the three columns under “Evaluation of Access.”
  - There must be at least one check mark in one of the three columns under “Evaluation of Quality.”

**Summary of Monitoring Activities: Evaluation of Program Impact**

Evaluation of Program Impact						
Monitoring Activity	Choice	Marketing	Enroll Disenroll	Program Integrity	Information to Beneficiaries	Grievance
Accreditation for Non-duplication	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
Accreditation for Participation	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
Consumer Self-Report data	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
Data Analysis (non-claims)	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
Enrollee Hotlines	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP

Evaluation of Program Impact						
Monitoring Activity	Choice	Marketing	Enroll Disenroll	Program Integrity	Information to Beneficiaries	Grievance
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Focused Studies</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Geographic mapping</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Independent Assessment</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Measure any Disparities by Racial or Ethnic Groups</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Network Adequacy Assurance by Plan</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Ombudsman</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>On-Site Review</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Performance Improvement Projects</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP

Evaluation of Program Impact						
Monitoring Activity	Choice	Marketing	Enroll Disenroll	Program Integrity	Information to Beneficiaries	Grievance
	PAHP PCCM FFS	PAHP PCCM FFS	PAHP PCCM FFS	PAHP PCCM FFS	PAHP PCCM FFS	PAHP PCCM FFS
<b>Performance Measures</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
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<b>Profile Utilization by Provider Caseload</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
<b>Provider Self-Report Data</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
<b>Test 24/7 PCP Availability</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
<b>Utilization Review</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
<b>Other</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS

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**Summary of Monitoring Activities: Evaluation of Access**

Evaluation of Access			
Monitoring Activity	Timely Access	PCP / Specialist Capacity	Coordination / Continuity
Accreditation for Non-duplication	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
Accreditation for Participation	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
Consumer Self-Report data	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
Data Analysis (non-claims)	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
Enrollee Hotlines	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
Focused Studies	MCO	MCO	MCO

Evaluation of Access			
Monitoring Activity	Timely Access	PCP / Specialist Capacity	Coordination / Continuity
	PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
<b>Geographic mapping</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
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	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
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	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
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	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Utilization Review</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Other</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
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**Summary of Monitoring Activities: Evaluation of Quality**

Evaluation of Quality			
Monitoring Activity	Coverage / Authorization	Provider Selection	Quality of Care
<b>Accreditation for Non-duplication</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Accreditation for Participation</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO
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	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
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	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
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	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Enrollee Hotlines</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS
<b>Focused Studies</b>	MCO	MCO	MCO
	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP
	PAHP	PAHP	PAHP
	PCCM	PCCM	PCCM
	FFS	FFS	FFS

<b>Evaluation of Quality</b>			
<b>Monitoring Activity</b>	<b>Coverage / Authorization</b>	<b>Provider Selection</b>	<b>Quality of Care</b>
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<b>Performance Measures</b>	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM

Evaluation of Quality			
Monitoring Activity	Coverage / Authorization	Provider Selection	Quality of Care
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Periodic Comparison of # of Providers	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS	MCO PIHP PAHP PCCM FFS
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**Part II: Details of Monitoring Activities**

**Details of Monitoring Activities by Authorized Programs**

For each program authorized by this waiver, please provide the details of its monitoring activities by editing each program listed below.

**Programs Authorized by this Waiver:**

Program	Type of Program
PathWays	MCO;

Note: If no programs appear in this list, please define the programs authorized by this waiver on the

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Program Instance: Indiana PathWays for Aging

Please check each of the monitoring activities below used by the State. A number of common activities are listed below, but the State may identify any others it uses. If federal regulations require a given activity, this is indicated just after the name of the activity. If the State does not use a required activity, it must explain why.

For each activity, the state must provide the following information:

- Personnel responsible (e.g. state Medicaid, other state agency, delegated to plan, EQR, other contractor)
- Detailed description of activity
- Frequency of use
- How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored

- a. **Accreditation for Non-duplication** (i.e. if the contractor is accredited by an organization to meet certain access, structure/operation, and/or quality improvement standards, and the state determines that the organization’s standards are at least as stringent as the state-specific standards required in 42 CFR 438 Subpart D, the state deems the contractor to be in compliance with the state-specific standards)

Activity Details:

[Empty text box for activity details]

NCQA

JCAHO

AAAHHC

Other

Please describe:

[Empty text box for other accreditation details]

- b. **Accreditation for Participation** (i.e. as prerequisite to be Medicaid plan)

Activity Details:

Personnel Responsible: MCE and OMPP

Description: In accordance with State law, MCEs are contractually required to be accredited by NCQA with the LTSS Distinction. MCEs must submit to OMPP the final Accreditation Report for each accreditation cycle and must also submit updates of accreditation status, based on annual HEDIS scores.

Frequency of Use: Annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: NCQA accreditation provides an independent, nationally recognized validation of MCE performance. OMPP staff reviews to ensure compliance with requirement for accreditation and promptly identifies any issues or deficiencies noted during the accreditation review process. In the event of identified deficiencies, a corrective action plan or other contractually agreed upon remedy is required.

NCQA

JCAHO

AAAHHC

**Other**

Please describe:

c.

**Consumer Self-Report data**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCE and OMPP

Description: MCEs must annually complete Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) surveys to assess and document the experiences enrollees report with their MCE as an indicator of quality of various aspects of care and customer service. The MCEs must use an NCQA certified vendor to conduct the CAHPS surveys and must include all HCBS core questions. MCEs must provide results statewide stratified by race, ethnicity, and language. Additionally, OMPP will conduct an annual quality of life survey using the National Core Indicators – Aging and Disabilities consumer survey.

Frequency of Use: Annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: CAHPS surveys are used to understand the PathWays enrollee experience. Findings are used to monitor and evaluate enrollee choice, information to beneficiaries, timely access, PCP/specialist capacity, coordination/continuity, provider selection, and quality of care. OMPP staff review the survey results and any problems, issues or discrepancies identified are acted upon promptly. In the event of identified deficiencies, a corrective action plan or other contractually agreed upon remedy is required. Additionally, this information is utilized to identify issues for performance improvement projects.

**CAHPS**

Please identify which one(s):

CAHPS Health Plan Survey  
CAHPS Home and Community-Based Services Survey  
CAHPS Nursing Home Survey (all three standardized surveys: Long-stay Resident Survey, Discharged Resident Survey, Family Member Survey)

**State-developed survey**

**Disenrollment survey**

**Consumer/beneficiary focus group**

d.

**Data Analysis (non-claims)**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCE, Member Supports System Vendor, Enrollment Broker, and OMPP

Description: MCEs, the Enrollment Broker, and Member Supports System Vendor are contractually required to submit regular reports regarding PathWays. The data is utilized to monitor areas such as member disenrollment, grievances, coverage/authorization, and provider selection. A detailed description by report type is provided below.

Frequency of Use: Monthly and Quarterly

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: The data is analyzed to identify trends, ensure quality, and monitor MCE compliance with federal, state, and contract requirements. OMPP staff reviews and promptly identifies any issues or deficiencies. In the event of identified non-compliance, a corrective action plan or other contractually agreed upon remedy is required.

MCE Disenrollment Requests: The Enrollment Broker submits monthly reports that include member disenrollments by reason. OMPP monitors the volume by MCE to identify any potential issues or concerns requiring remediation.

Grievances and Appeals Data: MCEs submit quarterly grievance and appeals data which OMPP utilizes to monitor volume and timely resolution. OMPP staff review the grievance and appeals data and any non-compliance with timely processing requirements or concerns about volume of received and/or overturned grievances and appeals are acted upon promptly. MCEs are subject to liquidated damages for failure to resolve grievances and appeals in the required timeframe and non-compliance would trigger other contractually agreed upon remedies such as corrective action plans and more frequent reporting requirements.

Additionally, the Member Supports System vendor submits monthly appeals and grievances summaries to document the type of issue, support requested, volume by MCE, number escalating to State fair hearing, and outcomes data. OMPP reviews these reports to identify MCE-specific or broader PathWays programmatic issues that require remediation.

Coverage/Authorization Reports: MCEs submit monthly reports to track the number, determination rate, and turnaround times for pre-service, concurrent, and retrospective authorization review requests. OMPP staff review data to ensure MCEs are processing authorizations in the contractually required timeframe, and to identify any trends requiring remediation such as high denial rates.

**Denials of referral requests**

**Disenrollment requests by enrollee**

**From plan**

**From PCP within plan**

**Grievances and appeals data**

**Other**

Please describe:

Claims Reports: MCEs are required to submit quarterly claims adjudication reports that OMPP utilizes to assess claims processing productivity and timeliness in adjudicating clean provider claims. MCEs also submit quarterly claims denial reason reports which OMPP assesses to determine if common reasons for claims denials could indicate opportunities for improving claims submissions through additional provider education and outreach. OMPP also monitors quarterly provider claim disputes data to assess the volume of disputes received, MCE compliance with timely processing requirements, and resolution status. Findings are utilized to identify potential claims processing issues. MCEs are subject to liquidated damages for failure to process claims and resolve provider claims disputes in the required timeframe. Non-compliance would trigger other contractually agreed upon remedies such as corrective action plans and more frequent reporting requirements.

Credentialing Reports: MCEs are required to submit quarterly provider credentialing and timeliness of requests to join the provider network report. OMPP utilizes this data to monitor the volume and timeliness of the MCE's credentialing system and the amount of time it takes an MCE to fully process a provider's request to join the network (including provider enrollment, credentialing, and contracting). MCEs must submit a formal corrective action plan when applications are not processed timely and are subject to more frequent reporting requirements.

Care Coordination Reporting: MCEs are required to submit monthly reports at the enrollee-specific level that track the timeliness of completion of both a health needs screening tool as well as a comprehensive health assessment tool. MCEs are also required to submit monthly reports at the enrollee-specific level that track each enrollee's care plan and, if applicable, service plan to receive 1915(c) waiver services. Reports specific to 1915(c) waiver service planning are detailed in the PathWays 1915(c) waiver.

e. **Enrollee Hotlines**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCE, Enrollment Broker, Member Support Services Vendor, and OMPP

Description: The MCEs provide data on their enrollee hotline performance including volume of calls received, call answer timeliness, abandoned calls, and resolution status. OMPP also monitors reports on calls received by the Enrollment Broker and Member Support Services Vendor regarding PathWays.

Frequency of Use: Monthly and Quarterly

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: OMPP promptly reviews the data to monitor MCE availability to provide information and services to its enrollees and to identify non-compliance or outliers. MCEs are subject to liquidated damages for failure to meet helpline performance metrics and non-compliance would trigger other contractually agreed upon remedies such as corrective action plans and more frequent reporting requirements. Enrollment Broker and Member Support Services Vendor reports are reviewed to identify potential programmatic or MCE performance issues which require OMPP intervention.

f. **Focused Studies** (detailed investigations of certain aspects of clinical or non-clinical services at a point in time, to answer defined questions. Focused studies differ from performance improvement projects in that they do not require demonstrable and sustained improvement in significant aspects of clinical care and non-clinical service)

**Activity Details:**

**g. Geographic mapping**

**Activity Details:**

**h. Independent Assessment** (Required for first two waiver periods)

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: OMPP and Independent Assessment Contracted Entity

Description: OMPP will arrange for an independent assessment of PathWays and submit the findings when renewing the waiver.

Frequency of Use: First two waiver terms

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: The Independent Assessment will assess enrollee access to services, quality, and cost effectiveness of the waiver.

**i. Measure any Disparities by Racial or Ethnic Groups**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: MCEs are contractually required to develop a Health Equity and Cultural Competency Plan; this plan is assessed annually. The annual assessment must provide the outcomes used to measure progress in the prior year, and any new interventions the MCE will incorporate in the following year. Additionally, MCEs are required to follow NCQA guidance regarding the stratification of HEDIS measures by race and ethnicity. As part of its Quality Management and Improvement Program, MCEs must also collect and analyze data on race, ethnicity, and language.

Frequency of Use: Annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: OMPP utilizes this information for quality improvement activities to ensure PathWays enrollees have equitable access and to close gaps in health, access, and quality.

**j. Network Adequacy Assurance by Plan** [Required for MCO/PIHP/PAHP]

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: The State requires MCEs to develop and maintain a comprehensive network to provide services to its PathWays enrollees. The MCE must develop a comprehensive network prior to receiving enrollment and shall be required during the readiness review process to demonstrate network adequacy. MCEs are also contractually required to have an open network and accept any Indiana Medicaid enrolled provider acting within his or her scope of practice until the MCE demonstrates that it meets the access requirements. Additionally, MCEs must provide 90 days advance notice of changes to the network that may affect access, availability, and network composition. Pursuant to 42 CFR 438.207, MCEs must also annually submit to OMPP documentation demonstrating capacity to serve their expected enrollment.

Frequency of Use: Ongoing at initial implementation and annually thereafter

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: OMPP promptly reviews the data to monitor network adequacy. MCEs are subject to liquidated damages for failure to meet required access standards and non-compliance would trigger other contractually agreed upon remedies such as corrective action plans, more frequent reporting requirements, and auto-assignment suspension. OMPP also reserves the right to require MCEs to maintain an open network and delay initial member enrollment if an MCE fails to demonstrate a complete and comprehensive network.

k.

**Ombudsman**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: Member Supports System Vendor and OMPP

Description: The Member Supports System vendor submits data on the number of inquiries and complaints made by PathWays enrollees or their family members, legal guardians, informal caregivers, supported decision makers, and/or authorized representatives. Data is also submitted regarding the inquiry and complaint resolution status such as response time, time spent resolving, resolution results, and outcome of the assistance provided.

Frequency of Use: Monthly

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: OMPP utilizes the data to identify any recurring and/or systemic complaints about MCEs and/or the PathWays program necessitating corrective action or remediation.

l.

**On-Site Review**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: Prior to receiving member enrollment, PathWays MCEs are required to undergo a readiness review which includes on-site reviews. Post-implementation, State staff conduct monthly site visits to each contracted MCE. In addition to State conducted onsite reviews, in accordance with federal regulations, MCEs are required to participate in an annual External Quality Review.

Frequency of Use: Monthly and Annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: Site visits are utilized to review MCE compliance with federal, state and contract requirements through strategies such as onsite demonstrations of operational procedures, meetings and interviews with MCE personnel, monitoring helpline calls, etc. Any problems, issues, or discrepancies found during onsite reviews are acted upon promptly. Typical interventions include corrective action plans and other contractually agreed upon remedies.

**m. Performance Improvement Projects** [Required for MCO/PIHP]

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: MCEs are required to develop a Quality Management and Improvement Workplan (QMIP) and performance improvement projects (referred to as Quality Improvement Projects or QIPs). The QMIP identifies the MCE's quality management goals and objectives, a timeline of activities, assessment of progress towards meeting goals, proposed QIPs, and an assessment of the effectiveness of each QIP conducted in the previous year.

Frequency of Use: The QMIP is submitted prospectively for each year, with quarterly updates, and a final evaluation of the prior year.

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: QIPs are utilized to monitor and improve the quality of care delivered to PathWays enrollees.

**Clinical**

**Non-clinical**

**n. Performance Measures** [Required for MCO/PIHP]

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: MCEs are contractually required to engage a certified HEDIS auditor to conduct a HEDIS audit, based on NCQA standards, for its PathWays line of business. The MCEs are also required to submit data for additional performance measures developed by OMPP, and outlined in the PathWays Reporting Manual, that are monitored on a regular basis.

Frequency of use: Annually (HEDIS) and ongoing (other performance measures)

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: OMPP reviews, trends, and analyzes HEDIS data and compares MCE performance to HEDIS National Benchmarks to assess the quality of healthcare services provided to PathWays enrollees. OMPP utilizes this and other performance measurement data to establish quality strategy goals, performance standards, improvement plans, and incentive payments.

**Process**

- Health status/ outcomes
- Access/ availability of care
- Use of services/ utilization
- Health plan stability/ financial/ cost of care
- Health plan/ provider characteristics
- Beneficiary characteristics

**o. Periodic Comparison of # of Providers**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: On a monthly basis, MCEs are required to submit their most current contracted provider roster by specialty indicating the service area for each provider. Annually, MCEs are required to submit reports detailing the count of enrolled providers and the number of members enrolled that do not have access to a provider within the contractually required network adequacy standard.

Frequency of Use: Monthly and annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: This reporting is reviewed by OMPP to assess the adequacy of the MCE provider network. MCEs are subject to liquidated damages for failure to meet required access standards and non-compliance would trigger other contractually agreed upon remedies such as corrective action plans, more frequent reporting requirements, and auto-assignment suspension. OMPP also reserves the right to require MCEs to maintain an open network and delay initial member enrollment if an MCE fails to demonstrate a complete and comprehensive network.

**p. Profile Utilization by Provider Caseload (looking for outliers)**

**Activity Details:**

**q. Provider Self-Report Data**

**Activity Details:**

- Survey of providers
- Focus groups

**r. Test 24/7 PCP Availability**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: MCEs are required to ensure primary medical providers (PMP) provide or arrange for coverage of services twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week. MCEs must conduct a twenty-four hour availability audit of their PMPs to monitor compliance with this requirement and measure timely access.

Frequency of Use: Annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: Reports are utilized to monitor enrollee access to their PMPs. OMPP staff promptly review and evaluate the results of the audit. In the event 100% of providers are not in compliance, the State monitors to ensure the required follow-up is conducted. Specifically, MCEs must notify non-compliant PMPs, put corrective actions in place, and resurvey the provider to determine if the issue has been remediated.

s. **Utilization Review** (e.g. ER, non-authorized specialist requests)

**Activity Details:**

t. **Other**

**Activity Details:**

Personnel Responsible: MCEs and OMPP

Description: In accordance with 42 CFR 438.104, MCEs are contractually required to submit all marketing and enrollee communication materials to OMPP for review and approval prior to distribution.

OMPP also requires MCEs to submit a variety of program integrity reports. This includes a Program Integrity Plan that identifies and monitors the goals the MCE has set to address program integrity compliance and activities to identify, investigate, and resolve fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA). The Plan is submitted prospectively for each year, with quarterly updates, along with a final evaluation of the prior year. Additionally, MCEs report all FWA open investigations, providers on payment suspension for a determined credible allegation of FWA, and all providers being evaluated through prepayment review.

Frequency of Use: Ad hoc, monthly, quarterly, and annually

How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored: OMPP staff reviews submitted marketing materials for accuracy and compliance with state and federal requirements such as the information requirements enumerated at 42 CFR 438.10. OMPP uses the program integrity data to assess the timely processing of audit/investigation cases, the types of allegations, and number of submitted cases. The reported information is assessed by OMPP to ensure the MCEs have initiated payment suspension as a result of a determined credible allegation of FWA.

**Section C: Monitoring Results**

**Initial Waiver Request**

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Section 1915(b) of the Act and 42 CFR 431.55 require that the State must document and maintain data regarding the effect of the waiver on the accessibility and quality of services as well as the anticipated impact of the project on the State’s Medicaid program. In Section B of this waiver preprint, the State describes how it will assure these requirements are met. For an initial waiver request, the State provides assurance in this Section C that it will report on the results of its monitoring plan when it submits its waiver renewal request. For a renewal request, the State provides evidence that waiver requirements were met for the most recent waiver period. Please use Section D to provide evidence of cost-effectiveness.

CMS uses a multi-pronged effort to monitor waiver programs, including rate and contract review, site visits, reviews of External Quality Review reports on MCOs/PIHPs, and reviews of Independent Assessments. CMS will use the results of these activities and reports along with this Section to evaluate whether the Program Impact, Access, and Quality requirements of the waiver were met.

**This is an Initial waiver request.**

**The State assures that it will conduct the monitoring activities described in Section B, and will provide the results in Section C of its waiver renewal request.**

**Section D: Cost-Effectiveness**

**Medical Eligibility Groups**

Title	
LTSS Non-Dual	
LTSS Dual	
Acute Non-Dual	
Acute Dual	

	First Period		Second Period	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
Actual Enrollment for the Time Period**	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Enrollment Projections for the Time Period*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
**Include actual data and dates used in conversion - no estimates				
*Projections start on Quarter and include data for requested waiver period				

**Section D: Cost-Effectiveness**

**Services Included in the Waiver**

**Document the services included in the waiver cost-effectiveness analysis:**

Service Name	State Plan Service	1915(b)(3) Service	Included in Actual Waiver Cost	
Chiropractors				
Dental Services				
Diabetes Self-Management Training Services				
Legend Drugs				
Non-Legend Drugs				
Emergency Services				

Service Name	State Plan Service	1915(b)(3) Service	Included in Actual Waiver Cost	
Eye Care, Eyeglasses, and Vision Services				
Family Planning Services and Supplies				
FQHC				
HCBS Waivers				
Hospital Inpatient Services				
Hospital Outpatient Services				
Home Health Services				
Intermittent or Part-Time Nursing Services				
Home Health Aid Services				
Hospice				
Laboratory and Radiology Services				
Long Term Acute Care Hospitalization				
Medical supplies and equipment (including prosthetics, hearing aids, dentures, etc.)				
Inpatient Mental Health Services				
Outpatient Mental Health Services				
Nurse Midwife Services				
Nursing Facility Services (Long Term)				
Nursing Facility Services (for up to 60 days while LOC pending)				
Occupational Therapy				
Organ Transplants				
Out of State Medical Services				
Physician Surgical and Medical Services				
Physical Therapy				
Podiatrists				
Rehabilitative Unit Services - Inpatient				
Respiratory Therapy				
Rural Health Clinics				
Smoking Cessation Services				
Speech, Hearing, and Language Therapy				
Transportation - Emergency				
Transportation - Non-Emergency				
Adult Mental Health and Habilitation				

Service Name	State Plan Service	1915(b)(3) Service	Included in Actual Waiver Cost	
1915(i)				
Behavioral and Primary Healthcare Coordination 1915(i)				
Food supplements, nutritional supplements, and infant formulas				
Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/ID)				
Inpatient Mental Health Services (State Psychiatric Hospital)				
Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO)				
HCBS Waiver - Adult Day Services				
HCBS Waiver - Adult Family Care				
HCBS Waiver - Assisted Living				
HCBS Waiver - Attendant Care				
HCBS Waiver - Caregiver Coaching				
HCBS Waiver - Community Transition				
HCBS Waiver - Home Modifications				
HCBS Waiver - Home Modification Assessment				
HCBS Waiver - Integrated Health Care Coordination				
HCBS Waiver - Home Delivered Meals				
HCBS Waiver - Home and Community Assistance Service				
HCBS Waiver - Nutritional Supplements				
HCBS Waiver - Participant Directed Home Care Services				
HCBS Waiver - Personal Emergency Response System				
HCBS Waiver - Respite				
HCBS Waiver - Pest Control				
HCBS Waiver - Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies				
HCBS Waiver - Structured Family Caregiving				
HCBS Waiver - Transportation				
HCBS Waiver - Vehicle Modification				

**Section D: Cost-Effectiveness**

**Part I: State Completion Section**

**A. Assurances**

**a. [Required] Through the submission of this waiver, the State assures CMS:**

- The fiscal staff in the Medicaid agency has reviewed these calculations for accuracy and attests to their correctness.

- The State assures CMS that the actual waiver costs will be less than or equal to or the State’s waiver cost projection.
- Capitated rates will be set following the requirements of 42 CFR 438.6(c) and will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval.
- Capitated 1915(b)(3) services will be set in an actuarially sound manner based only on approved 1915(b)(3) services and their administration subject to CMS RO prior approval.
- The State will monitor, on a regular basis, the cost-effectiveness of the waiver (for example, the State may compare the PMPM Actual Waiver Cost from the CMS 64 to the approved Waiver Cost Projections). If changes are needed, the State will submit a prospective amendment modifying the Waiver Cost Projections.
- The State will submit quarterly actual member month enrollment statistics by MEG in conjunction with the State’s submitted CMS-64 forms.

Signature:

State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date:

**Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.**

**Cost-effectiveness spreadsheet is required for all 1915b waiver submissions.**

**b. Name of Medicaid Financial Officer making these assurances:**

**c. Telephone Number:**

**d. E-mail:**

**e. The State is choosing to report waiver expenditures based on**

**date of payment.**

**date of service within date of payment. The State understands the additional reporting requirements in the CMS-64 and has used the cost effectiveness spreadsheets designed specifically for reporting by date of service within day of payment. The State will submit an initial test upon the first renewal and then an initial and final test (for the preceding 4 years) upon the second renewal and thereafter.**

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**B. Expedited or Comprehensive Test**

**This section is only applicable to Renewals**

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**C. Capitated portion of the waiver only: Type of Capitated Contract**

**The response to this question should be the same as in A.I.b.**

- a. MCO
- b. PIHP

- c. PAHP
- d. PCCM
- e. Other

Please describe:

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**D. PCCM portion of the waiver only: Reimbursement of PCCM Providers**

**Under this waiver, providers are reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. PCCMs are reimbursed for patient management in the following manner (please check and describe):**

- a. **Management fees are expected to be paid under this waiver.**

The management fees were calculated as follows.

- 1. Year 1: \$  per member per month fee.
- 2. Year 2: \$  per member per month fee.
- 3. Year 3: \$  per member per month fee.
- 4. Year 4: \$  per member per month fee.

- b. **Enhanced fee for primary care services.**

Please explain which services will be affected by enhanced fees and how the amount of the enhancement was determined.

- c. **Bonus payments from savings generated under the program are paid to case managers who control beneficiary utilization.** Under **D.I.H.d.**, please describe the criteria the State will use for awarding the incentive payments, the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the providers do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projections (Appendix D5). Bonus payments and incentives for reducing utilization are limited to savings of State Plan service costs under the waiver. Please also describe how the State will ensure that utilization is not adversely affected due to incentives inherent in the bonus payments. The costs associated with any bonus arrangements must be accounted for in Appendix D3. Actual Waiver Cost.

- d. **Other reimbursement method/amount.**

\$

Please explain the State's rationale for determining this method or amount.

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**E. Member Months**

**Please mark all that apply.**

- a. Population in the base year data

1. Base year data is from the same population as to be included in the waiver.
  2. Base year data is from a comparable population to the individuals to be included in the waiver. (Include a statement from an actuary or other explanation, which supports the conclusion that the populations are comparable.)
- b. For an initial waiver, if the State estimates that not all eligible individuals will be enrolled in managed care (i.e., a percentage of individuals will not be enrolled because of changes in eligibility status and the length of the enrollment process) please note the adjustment here.

- c. [Required] Explain the reason for any increase or decrease in member months projections from the base year or over time:

Completion adjustment to eligibility data were applied for the most recent months of the base year (SFY 2022), based on historical completion patterns. The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) required under the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) sunset March 31, 2023. The state of Indiana restarted regular redeterminations, and will return to normal operations gradually over a 12-month period, as members come up for redetermination. The first cohort of ineligible members was disenrolled in May 2023, and the return to normal operations is expected to be complete by the time the PathWays program will be implemented.

Concurrent with the return to normal operations, FSSA intends to pause expedited waiver eligibility, and to review all HCBS waiver self-attestations, requesting documentation as needed. This is projected to slow waiver enrollment growth.

Annualized trends applied to the enrollment for each PathWays MEG as well as the time period the trends are applicable are included below the exhibit on tab "D1.Member Months" of accompanying Excel workbook.

- d. [Required] Explain any other variance in eligible member months from BY to P2:

No other variance.

- e. [Required] List the year(s) being used by the State as a base year:

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

If multiple years are being used, please explain:

- f. [Required] Specify whether the base year is a State fiscal year (SFY), Federal fiscal year (FFY), or other period:

State fiscal year

- g. [Required] Explain if any base year data is not derived directly from the State's MMIS fee-for-service claims data:

Some of the members that will be transitioning to the PathWays for Aging program are currently enrolled in Hoosier Care Connect managed care program. For these members, the actual costs in the base year reflect capitation payments the state paid to the MCEs. In addition, NEMT services for the fee-for-service members are capitated and administered by a vendor, so NEMT capitation payments made by the state were also included as the actual base year costs. Lastly, pharmacy rebates are available at an aggregate program level, and within programs, were pro-rated based on enrollment.

**Appendix D1 – Member Months**

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**F. Appendix D2.S - Services in Actual Waiver Cost**

**For Conversion or Renewal Waivers:**

**[Required] Explain if different services are included in the Actual Waiver Cost from the previous period in Appendix D3 than for the upcoming waiver period in Appendix D5.**

Explain the differences here and how the adjustments were made on Appendix D5:

**a. [Required] Explain the exclusion of any services from the cost-effectiveness analysis.**

For States with multiple waivers serving a single beneficiary, please document how all costs for waiver covered individuals taken into account.

No exclusions. No enrollees are on multiple waivers.

**Appendix D2.S: Services in Waiver Cost**

State Plan Services	MCO Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by MCO	PCCM FFS Reimbursement	PIHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PIHP	PAHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PAHP
Chiropractors							
Dental Services							
Diabetes Self- Management Training Services							
Legend Drugs							
Non-Legend Drugs							
Emergency Services							
Eye Care, Eyeglasses, and Vision Services							
Family Planning Services and Supplies							
FQHC							
HCBS Waivers							
Hospital Inpatient Services							
Hospital Outpatient Services							
Home Health Services							
Intermittent or Part-Time Nursing Services							

State Plan Services	MCO Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by MCO	PCCM FFS Reimbursement	PIHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PIHP	PAHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PAHP
Home Health Aid Services							
Hospice							
Laboratory and Radiology Services							
Long Term Acute Care Hospitalization							
Medical supplies and equipment (including prosthetics, hearing aids, dentures, etc.)							
Inpatient Mental Health Services							
Outpatient Mental Health Services							
Nurse Midwife Services							
Nursing Facility Services (Long Term)							
Nursing Facility Services (for up to 60 days while LOC pending)							
Occupational Therapy							
Organ Transplants							
Out of State Medical Services							
Physician Surgical and Medical Services							
Physical Therapy							
Podiatrists							
Rehabilitative Unit Services - Inpatient							
Respiratory Therapy							
Rural Health Clinics							
Smoking Cessation Services							
Speech, Hearing, and Language							

State Plan Services	MCO Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by MCO	PCCM FFS Reimbursement	PIHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PIHP	PAHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PAHP
Therapy							
Transportation - Emergency							
Transportation - Non-Emergency							
Adult Mental Health and Habilitation 1915(i)							
Behavioral and Primary Healthcare Coordination 1915(i)							
Food supplements, nutritional supplements, and infant formulas							
Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/ID)							
Inpatient Mental Health Services (State Psychiatric Hospital)							
Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO)							
HCBS Waiver - Adult Day Services							
HCBS Waiver - Adult Family Care							
HCBS Waiver - Assisted Living							
HCBS Waiver - Attendant Care							
HCBS Waiver - Caregiver Coaching							
HCBS Waiver - Community Transition							
HCBS Waiver - Home Modifications							
HCBS Waiver - Home Modification Assessment							
HCBS Waiver - Integrated Health							

State Plan Services	MCO Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by MCO	PCCM FFS Reimbursement	PIHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PIHP	PAHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PAHP
Care Coordination							
HCBS Waiver - Home Delivered Meals							
HCBS Waiver - Home and Community Assistance Service							
HCBS Waiver - Nutritional Supplements							
HCBS Waiver - Participant Directed Home Care Services							
HCBS Waiver - Personal Emergency Response System							
HCBS Waiver - Respite							
HCBS Waiver - Pest Control							
HCBS Waiver - Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies							
HCBS Waiver - Structured Family Caregiving							
HCBS Waiver - Transportation							
HCBS Waiver - Vehicle Modification							

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**G. Appendix D2.A - Administration in Actual Waiver Cost**

**[Required]** The State allocated administrative costs between the Fee-for-service and managed care program depending upon the program structure. *Note: initial programs will enter only FFS costs in the BY. Renewal and Conversion waivers will enter all waiver and FFS administrative costs in the R1 and R2 or BY.*

The allocation method for either initial or renewal waivers is explained below:

- a. The State allocates the administrative costs to the managed care program based upon the number of waiver enrollees as a percentage of total Medicaid enrollees. *Note: this is appropriate for MCO/PCCM programs.*
- b. The State allocates administrative costs based upon the program cost as a percentage of the total Medicaid budget. It would not be appropriate to allocate the administrative cost of a mental health program based upon the percentage of enrollees enrolled. *Note: this is appropriate for statewide PIHP/PAHP programs.*

- c. **Other**  
Please explain:

**Appendix D2.A: Administration in Actual Waiver Cost**

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**H. Appendix D3 - Actual Waiver Cost**

- a. The State is requesting a 1915(b)(3) waiver in **Section A.I.A.1.c** and will be providing non-state plan medical services. The State will be spending a portion of its waiver savings for additional services under the waiver.
- b. **The State is including voluntary populations in the waiver.**  
Describe below how the issue of selection bias has been addressed in the Actual Waiver Cost calculations:

Since the number of opt-in individuals will be minimal, there is no concern with selection.

- c. **Capitated portion of the waiver only -- Reinsurance or Stop/Loss Coverage:** Please note how the State will be providing or requiring reinsurance or stop/loss coverage as required under the regulation. States may require MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs to purchase reinsurance. Similarly, States may provide stop-loss coverage to MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs when MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs exceed certain payment thresholds for individual enrollees. Stop loss provisions usually set limits on maximum days of coverage or number of services for which the MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be responsible. If the State plans to provide stop/loss coverage, a description is required. The State must document the probability of incurring costs in excess of the stop/loss level and the frequency of such occurrence based on FFS experience. The expenses per capita (also known as the stoploss premium amount) should be deducted from the capitation year projected costs. In the initial application, the effect should be neutral. In the renewal report, the actual reinsurance cost and claims cost should be reported in Actual Waiver Cost.

**Basis and Method:**

- 1. **The State does not provide stop/loss protection for MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs, but requires MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs to purchase reinsurance coverage privately. No adjustment was necessary.**
- 2. **The State provides stop/loss protection**  
Describe below how the issue of selection bias has been addressed in the Actual Waiver Cost calculations:

- d. **Incentive/bonus/enhanced Payments for both Capitated and fee-for-service Programs:**
  - 1. **[For the capitated portion of the waiver] the total payments under a capitated contract include any incentives the State provides in addition to capitated payments under the waiver program.** The costs associated with any bonus arrangements must be accounted for in the capitated costs (Column D of Appendix D3 Actual Waiver Cost). Regular State Plan service capitated adjustments would apply.

**Document**

- i. **Document the criteria for awarding the incentive payments.**
- ii. **Document the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and**
- iii. **Document the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection.**

- 2. **For the fee-for-service portion of the waiver, all fee-for-service must be accounted for in the fee-for-service incentive costs (Column G of Appendix D3 Actual Waiver Cost).** ). For PCCM providers, the amount listed should match information provided in D.I.D Reimbursement of Providers. Any adjustments applied would need to meet the special criteria for fee-for-service incentives if the State elects to provide incentive payments in addition to management fees under the waiver program (See D.I.I.e and D.I.J.e)

**Document:**

- i. **Document the criteria for awarding the incentive payments.**
- ii. **Document the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and**
- iii. **Document the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection.**

**Appendix D3 – Actual Waiver Cost**

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**I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (1 of 8)**

Initial Waiver Cost Projection & Adjustments (If this is a Conversion or Renewal waiver for DOP, skip to J. Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments): States may need to make certain adjustments to the Base Year in order to accurately reflect the waiver program in P1 and P2. If the State has made an adjustment to its Base Year, the State should note the adjustment and its location in Appendix D4, and include information on the basis and method used in this section of the preprint. Where noted, certain adjustments should be mathematically accounted for in Appendix D5.

The following adjustments are appropriate for initial waivers. Any adjustments that are required are indicated as such.

- a. **State Plan Services Trend Adjustment** – the State must trend the data forward to reflect cost and utilization increases. The BY data already includes the actual Medicaid cost changes to date for the population enrolled in the program. This adjustment reflects the expected cost and utilization increases in the managed care program from BY to the end of the waiver (P2). Trend adjustments may be service-specific. The adjustments may be expressed as percentage factors. Some states calculate utilization and cost increases separately, while other states calculate a single trend rate encompassing both utilization and cost increases. The State must document the method used and how utilization and cost increases are not duplicative if they are calculated separately. **This adjustment must be mutually exclusive of programmatic/policy/pricing changes and CANNOT be taken twice. The State must document how it ensures there is no duplication with programmatic/policy/pricing changes.**

- 1. [Required, if the State’s BY is more than 3 months prior to the beginning of P1] The State is using actual State cost increases to trend past data to the current time period (i.e., trending from 1999 to present)

**The actual trend rate used is:**

2.74

Please document how that trend was calculated:

This represents average medical care trend over the last ten years (SFY 2012 through SFY 2022), as summarized by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS). BY data was trended forward for 36 months to P1 and then for 12 months for each year after.

- 2. [Required, to trend BY to P1 and P2 in the future] When cost increases are unknown and in the future, the State is using a predictive trend of either State historical cost increases or national or regional factors that

are predictive of future costs (same requirement as capitated ratesetting regulations) (i.e., trending from present into the future)

- i. State historical cost increases.

Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years

In addition, please indicate the mathematical method used (multiple regression, linear regression, chi-square, least squares, exponential smoothing, etc.). Finally, please note and explain if the State’s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase such as changes in technology, practice patterns, and/or units of service PMPM.

- ii. National or regional factors that are predictive of this waiver’s future costs.

Please indicate the services and indicators used.

Average medical care trend over the last ten years (SFY 2012 through SFY 2022) as summarized by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS).

Please indicate how this factor was determined to be predictive of this waiver’s future costs. Finally, please note and explain if the State’s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase such as changes in technology, practice patterns, and/or units of service PMPM.

These factors correlate with the historical rate increases and therefore were determined to be predictive of this waiver’s future costs. This factor does not include factors other than the price increase.

- 3. The State estimated the PMPM cost changes in units of service, technology and/or practice patterns that would occur in the waiver separate from cost increase. Utilization adjustments made were service-specific and expressed as percentage factors. The State has documented how utilization and cost increases were not duplicated. This adjustment reflects the changes in utilization between the BY and the beginning of the P1 and between years P1 and P2.

- i. Please indicate the years on which the utilization rate was based (if calculated separately only).

- ii. Please document how the utilization did not duplicate separate cost increase trends.

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#### I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (2 of 8)

**b. State Plan Services Programmatic/Policy/Pricing Change Adjustment:** This adjustment should account for any programmatic changes that are not cost neutral and that affect the Waiver Cost Projection. Adjustments to the BY data are typically for changes that occur after the BY (or after the collection of the BY data) and/or during P1 and P2 that affect the overall Medicaid program. For example, changes in rates, changes brought about by legal action, or changes brought about by legislation. For example, Federal mandates, changes in hospital payment from per diem rates to Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) rates or changes in the benefit coverage of the FFS program. **This adjustment must be mutually exclusive of trend and CANNOT be taken twice. The State must document how it ensures there is no duplication with trend.** If the State is changing one of the aspects noted above in the FFS State Plan then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment. *Note: FFP on rates cannot be claimed until CMS approves the SPA per the 1/2/01 SMD letter. Prior approval of capitation rates is contingent upon approval of the SPA.*

Others:

- **Additional State Plan Services (+)**
- **Reductions in State Plan Services (-)**
- **Legislative or Court Mandated Changes to the Program Structure or fee**

1. The State has chosen not to make an adjustment because there were no programmatic or policy changes in the FFS program after the MMIS claims tape was created. In addition, the State anticipates no programmatic or policy changes during the waiver period.
2. An adjustment was necessary. The adjustment(s) is(are) listed and described below:
  - i. The State projects an externally driven State Medicaid managed care rate increases/decreases between the base and rate periods.  
Please list the changes.

Increase in reimbursement for HCBS waiver services  
 Increase in reimbursement for state plan home health services  
 Addition of MCE care coordination and administration  
 Physician and ancillary services adjusted to 100% Medicare reimbursement  
 Effective 7/1/24 the State is allowing legally responsible individuals (LRI) to be paid for providing Structured Family Caregiving services

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

- A. The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).  
PMPM size of adjustment
- B. The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.  
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment
- C. Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.  
PMPM size of adjustment
- D. Determine adjustment for Medicare Part D dual eligibles.
- E. Other:  
Please describe

Eff 7/1/23:HCBS reimbursement projected to increase 42.4% (approx. 13% of costs for LTSS Non-Dual, 17% for LTSS Dual). Home health services reimbursement projected to increase 32% (approx. 3% of costs for LTSS Non-Dual, 5% for LTSS Dual, 1% for Acute Non-Dual and 4% for Acute Dual).  
 MCE care coordination and admin added to reflect expected MCE costs  
 LRI change has an impact for the 2 LTSS MEGs

- ii. The State has projected no externally driven managed care rate increases/decreases in the managed care rates.
- iii. Changes brought about by legal action:  
Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

- A. The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).

PMPM size of adjustment

- B.** The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.  
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

- C.** Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.  
PMPM size of adjustment

- D.** Other  
Please describe

- iv.** Changes in legislation.  
Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

- A.** The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).

PMPM size of adjustment

- B.** The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.  
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

- C.** Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA  
PMPM size of adjustment

- D.** Other  
Please describe

- v.** Other  
Please describe:

- A.** The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).

PMPM size of adjustment

- B.** The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.  
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.

PMPM size of adjustment

D. Other

Please describe

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c. **Administrative Cost Adjustment\***: The administrative expense factor in the initial waiver is based on the administrative costs for the eligible population participating in the waiver for fee-for-service. Examples of these costs include per claim claims processing costs, per record PRO review costs, and Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS) costs. *Note: one-time administration costs should not be built into the cost-effectiveness test on a long-term basis. States should use all relevant Medicaid administration claiming rules for administration costs they attribute to the managed care program.* If the State is changing the administration in the fee-for-service program then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment.

1. No adjustment was necessary and no change is anticipated.

2. An administrative adjustment was made.

i. FFS administrative functions will change in the period between the beginning of P1 and the end of P2.

Please describe

A. Determine administration adjustment based upon an approved contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).

B. Determine administration adjustment based on pending contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP)

Please describe

C. Other

Please describe

ii. FFS cost increases were accounted for.

A. Determine administration adjustment based upon an approved contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).

B. Determine administration adjustment based on pending contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).

C. Other

Please describe

CPI-U average from SFY 2012 through SFY 2022, applied for three years to trend SFY 2022 data to SFY 2025.

- iii. [Required, when State Plan services were purchased through a sole source procurement with a governmental entity. No other State administrative adjustment is allowed.] If cost increase trends are unknown and in the future, the State must use the lower of: Actual State administration costs trended forward at the State historical administration trend rate or Actual State administration costs trended forward at the State Plan services trend rate.  
Please document both trend rates and indicate which trend rate was used.

- A. Actual State Administration costs trended forward at the State historical administration trend rate.

Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years

In addition, please indicate the mathematical method used (multiple regression, linear regression, chi-square, least squares, exponential smoothing, etc.). Finally, please note and explain if the State’s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase.

- B. Actual State Administration costs trended forward at the State Plan Service Trend rate. Please indicate the State Plan Service trend rate from Section D.I.I.a. above

\* For Combination Capitated and PCCM Waivers: If the capitated rates are adjusted by the amount of administration payments, then the PCCM Actual Waiver Cost must be calculated less the administration amount. For additional information, please see Special Note at end of this section.

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**d. 1915(b)(3) Adjustment:** The State must document the amount of State Plan Savings that will be used to provide additional 1915(b)(3) services in *Section D.I.H.a* above. The Base Year already includes the actual trend for the State Plan services in the program. This adjustment reflects the expected trend in the 1915(b)(3) services between the Base Year and P1 of the waiver and the trend between the beginning of the program (P1) and the end of the program (P2). Trend adjustments may be service-specific and expressed as percentage factors.

- 1. [Required, if the State’s BY is more than 3 months prior to the beginning of P1 to trend BY to P1] The State is using the actual State historical trend to project past data to the current time period (i.e., trending from 1999 to present).

The actual documented trend is:

Please provide documentation.

- 2. [Required, when the State’s BY is trended to P2. No other 1915(b)(3) adjustment is allowed] If trends are unknown and in the future (i.e., trending from present into the future), the State must use the State’s trend

for State Plan Services.

**i. State Plan Service trend**

A. Please indicate the State Plan Service trend rate from Section D.I.I.a. above

**e. Incentives (not in capitated payment) Trend Adjustment:** If the State marked **Section D.I.H.d** , then this adjustment reports trend for that factor. Trend is limited to the rate for State Plan services.

1. List the State Plan trend rate by MEG from Section D.I.I.a

2. List the Incentive trend rate by MEG if different from Section D.I.I.a

3. Explain any differences:

**f. Graduate Medical Education (GME) Adjustment:** 42 CFR 438.6(c)(5) specifies that States can include or exclude GME payments for managed care participant utilization in the capitation rates. However, GME payments on behalf of managed care waiver participants must be included in cost-effectiveness calculations.

1. We assure CMS that GME payments are included from base year data.

2. We assure CMS that GME payments are included from the base year data using an adjustment. Please describe adjustment.

3. Other  
Please describe

If GME rates or the GME payment method has changed since the Base Year data was completed, the Base Year data should be adjusted to reflect this change and the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment and account for it in **Appendix D5**.

1. GME adjustment was made.

i. GME rates or payment method changed in the period between the end of the BY and the beginning of P1. Please describe

ii. GME rates or payment method is projected to change in the period between the beginning of P1 and the end of P2. Please describe

2. No adjustment was necessary and no change is anticipated.

*Method:*

1. Determine GME adjustment based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
2. Determine GME adjustment based on a pending SPA.
3. Determine GME adjustment based on currently approved GME SPA.
4. Other  
Please describe

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**g. Payments / Recoupments not Processed through MMIS Adjustment:** Any payments or recoupments for covered Medicaid State Plan services included in the waiver but processed outside of the MMIS system should be included in the Waiver Cost Projection. Any adjustments that would appear on the CMS-64.9 Waiver form should be reported and adjusted here. Any adjustments that would appear on the CMS summary form (line 9) would not be put into the waiver cost-effectiveness (e.g., TPL, probate, fraud and abuse). Any payments or recoupments made should be accounted for in *Appendix D5*.

1. Payments outside of the MMIS were made.  
Those payments include (please describe):

2. Recoupments outside of the MMIS were made.  
Those recoupments include (please describe):

3. The State had no recoupments/payments outside of the MMIS.

**h. Copayments Adjustment:** This adjustment accounts for any copayments that are collected under the FFS program but will not be collected in the waiver program. States must ensure that these copayments are included in the Waiver Cost Projection if not to be collected in the capitated program.

*Basis and Method:*

1. Claims data used for Waiver Cost Projection development already included copayments and no adjustment was necessary.
2. State added estimated amounts of copayments for these services in FFS that were not in the capitated program. Please account for this adjustment in Appendix D5.
3. The State has not to made an adjustment because the same copayments are collected in managed care and FFS.

- 4. Other  
Please describe

If the State’s FFS copayment structure has changed in the period between the end of the BY and the beginning of P1, the State needs to estimate the impact of this change adjustment.

- 1. No adjustment was necessary and no change is anticipated.
- 2. The copayment structure changed in the period between the end of the BY and the beginning of P1. Please account for this adjustment in Appendix D5.

**Method:**

- 1. Determine copayment adjustment based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
- 2. Determine copayment adjustment based on pending SPA.
- 3. Determine copayment adjustment based on currently approved copayment SPA.
- 4. Other  
Please describe

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**i. Third Party Liability (TPL) Adjustment:** This adjustment should be used only if the State is converting from fee-for-service to capitated managed care, and will delegate the collection and retention of TPL payments for post-pay recoveries to the MCO/PIHP/PAHP. If the MCO/PIHP/PAHP will collect and keep TPL, then the Base Year costs should be reduced by the amount to be collected.

*Basis and method:*

- 1. No adjustment was necessary
- 2. Base Year costs were cut with post-pay recoveries already deducted from the database.
- 3. State collects TPL on behalf of MCO/PIHP/PAHP enrollees
- 4. The State made this adjustment:\*
  - i. Post-pay recoveries were estimated and the base year costs were reduced by the amount of TPL to be collected by MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs. Please account for this adjustment in Appendix D5.
  - ii. Other  
Please describe

**j. Pharmacy Rebate Factor Adjustment:** Rebates that States receive from drug manufacturers should be deducted from Base Year costs if pharmacy services are included in the fee-for-service or capitated base. If the base year costs are not reduced by the rebate factor, an inflated BY would result. Pharmacy rebates should also be deducted from FFS costs if pharmacy services are impacted by the waiver but not capitated.

**Basis and Method:**

- 1. Determine the percentage of Medicaid pharmacy costs that the rebates represent and adjust the base year costs by this percentage. States may want to make separate adjustments for prescription versus over the counter drugs and for different rebate percentages by population. States may assume that the rebates for the targeted population occur in the same proportion as the rebates for the total Medicaid population which includes accounting for Part D dual eligibles. Please account for this adjustment in Appendix D5. Please describe

It was estimated that approximately 48% of Medicaid pharmacy costs will be received as rebates.

- 2. The State has not made this adjustment because pharmacy is not an included capitation service and the capitated contractor’s providers do not prescribe drugs that are paid for by the State in FFS or Part D for the dual eligibles.
- 3. Other  
Please describe

**k. Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Adjustment:** Section 4721 of the BBA specifies that DSH payments must be made solely to hospitals and not to MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs. Section 4721(c) permits an exemption to the direct DSH payment for a limited number of States. If this exemption applies to the State, please identify and describe under “Other” including the supporting documentation. Unless the exemption in Section 4721(c) applies or the State has a FFS-only waiver (e.g., selective contracting waiver for hospital services where DSH is specifically included), DSH payments are not to be included in cost-effectiveness calculations.

- 1. We assure CMS that DSH payments are excluded from base year data.
- 2. We assure CMS that DSH payments are excluded from the base year data using an adjustment.
- 3. Other  
Please describe

**l. Population Biased Selection Adjustment (Required for programs with Voluntary Enrollment):** Cost-effectiveness calculations for waiver programs with voluntary populations must include an analysis of the population that can be expected to enroll in the waiver. If the State finds that the population most likely to enroll in the waiver differs significantly from the population that will voluntarily remain in FFS, the Base Year costs must be adjusted to reflect this.

- 1. This adjustment is not necessary as there are no voluntary populations in the waiver program.
- 2. This adjustment was made:
  - i. Potential Selection bias was measured.  
Please describe

- ii. The base year costs were adjusted.  
Please describe

**m. FQHC and RHC Cost-Settlement Adjustment:** Base Year costs should not include cost-settlement or supplemental payments made to FQHCs/RHCs. The Base Year costs should reflect fee-for-service payments for services provided at these sites, which will be built into the capitated rates.

1. We assure CMS that FQHC/RHC cost-settlement and supplemental payments are excluded from the Base Year costs.  
Payments for services provided at FQHCs/RHCs are reflected in the following manner:

Fee-for-service payments were reflected at their PPS rates, but exclude cost settlement/supplemental payments.

2. We assure CMS that FQHC/RHC cost-settlement and supplemental payments are excluded from the base year data using an adjustment.
3. We assure CMS that Medicare Part D coverage has been accounted for in the FQHC/RHC adjustment.
4. Other  
Please describe

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##### Special Note Section:

##### Waiver Cost Projection Reporting: Special note for new capitated programs:

The State is implementing the first year of a new capitated program (converting from fee-for-service reimbursement). The first year that the State implements a capitated program, the State will be making capitated payments for future services while it is reimbursing FFS claims from retrospective periods. This will cause State expenditures in the initial period to be much higher than usual. In order to adjust for this double payment, the State should not use the first quarter of costs (immediately following implementation) from the CMS-64 to calculate future Waiver Cost Projections, unless the State can distinguish and exclude dates of services prior to the implementation of the capitated program.

- a. The State has excluded the first quarter of costs of the CMS-64 from the cost-effectiveness calculations and is basing the cost-effectiveness projections on the remaining quarters of data.
- b. The State has included the first quarter of costs in the CMS-64 and excluded claims for dates of services prior to the implementation of the capitated program.

##### Special Note for initial combined waivers (Capitated and PCCM) only:

**Adjustments Unique to the Combined Capitated and PCCM Cost-effectiveness Calculations** -- Some adjustments to the Waiver Cost Projection are applicable only to the capitated program. When these adjustments are taken, there will need to be an offsetting adjustment to the PCCM Base year Costs in order to make the PCCM costs comparable to the Waiver Cost Projection. **In other words, because we are creating a single combined Waiver Cost Projection applicable to the PCCM and capitated waiver portions of the waiver, offsetting adjustments (positive and/or negative) need to be made to the PCCM Actual Waiver Cost for certain capitated-only adjustments.** When an offsetting adjustment is made, please note and include an explanation and your calculations. The most common offsetting adjustment is noted in the chart below and indicated with an asterisk (\*) in the preprint.

Adjustment	Capitated Program	PCCM Program

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n. **Incomplete Data Adjustment (DOS within DOP only)** – The State must adjust base period data to account for incomplete data. When fee-for-service data is summarized by date of service (DOS), data for a particular period of time is usually incomplete until a year or more after the end of the period. In order to use recent DOS data, the State must calculate an estimate of the services ultimate value after all claims have been reported . Such incomplete data adjustments are referred to in different ways, including “lag factors,” “incurred but not reported (IBNR) factors,” or incurring factors. If date of payment (DOP) data is used, completion factors are not needed, but projections are complicated by the fact that payments are related to services performed in various former periods.

Documentation of assumptions and estimates is required for this adjustment.:

1. Using the special DOS spreadsheets, the State is estimating DOS within DOP. Incomplete data adjustments are reflected in the following manner on Appendix D5 for services to be complete and on Appendix D7 to create a 12-month DOS within DOP projection:

2. The State is using Date of Payment only for cost-effectiveness – no adjustment is necessary.
3. Other  
Please describe

o. **PCCM Case Management Fees (Initial PCCM waivers only)** – The State must add the case management fees that will be claimed by the State under new PCCM waivers. There should be sufficient savings under the waiver to offset these fees. The new PCCM case management fees will be accounted for with an adjustment on **Appendix D5**.

1. This adjustment is not necessary as this is not an initial PCCM waiver in the waiver program.
2. Other  
Please describe

p. **Other adjustments:** Federal law, regulation, or policy change: If the federal government changes policy affecting Medicaid reimbursement, the State must adjust P1 and P2 to reflect all changes.

- Once the State’s FFS institutional excess UPL is phased out, CMS will no longer match excess institutional UPL payments.
  - Excess payments addressed through transition periods should not be included in the 1915(b) cost effectiveness process. Any State with excess payments should exclude the excess amount and only include the supplemental amount under 100% of the institutional UPL in the cost effectiveness process.
  - For all other payments made under the UPL, including supplemental payments, the costs should be included in the cost effectiveness calculations. This would apply to PCCM enrollees and to PAHP, PIHP or MCO enrollees if the institutional services were provided as FFS wrap around. The recipient of the supplemental payment does not matter for the purposes of this analysis.

1. No adjustment was made.
2. This adjustment was made. This adjustment must be mathematically accounted for in Appendix D5. Please describe

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**This section is only applicable to Renewals**

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**J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (2 of 5)**

**This section is only applicable to Renewals**

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**J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (3 of 5)**

**This section is only applicable to Renewals**

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**J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (4 of 5)**

**This section is only applicable to Renewals**

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**J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (5 of 5)**

**This section is only applicable to Renewals**

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**K. Appendix D5 – Waiver Cost Projection**

The State should complete these appendices and include explanations of all adjustments in Section D.I.I and D.I.J above.

State plan service trend adjustments at an annual trend rate of 2.74% reflect estimated cost and utilization increases (excluding programmatic/policy/pricing changes) for the PathWays waiver population. This represents average medical care trend over the last ten years (SFY 2012 through SFY 2022), as summarized by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS). BY data was trended forward for 36 months to P1 and then for 12 months for each year after.

Programmatic/policy/pricing change adjustment:

- Reimbursement for the HCBS waiver services is projected to increase by 42.4% effective 7/1/2023.
- Reimbursement for state plan home health services is projected to increase by 32.0% effective 7/1/2023.
- MCE care coordination and administration has been added to reflect the expected costs for the MCEs. Care coordination costs are projected to be 10% lower for dual eligible enrollees in aligned D-SNPs, to leverage (and avoid double paying for) activities already performed by the D-SNP, such as member outreach and engagement, and understanding of a member's health conditions. We have assumed 50% of dual members are in aligned D-SNPs.
- Reimbursement for physician and ancillary services reimbursement to be increased to Medicare rates effective 7/1/24.
- The State is allowing legally responsible individuals to be paid for providing care to waiver enrollees through Structured Family Caregiving services effective 7/1/24. This has an impact for the two MLTSS MEGs.

Indiana is using administrative cost adjustment estimated at an annual rate of 2.17%. Cost increases were estimated based on the average change in CPI-U over the last ten years (SFY 2012 through SFY 2022).

**Appendix D5 – Waiver Cost Projection**

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**L. Appendix D6 – RO Targets**

The State should complete these appendices and include explanations of all trends in enrollment in Section D.I.E. above.

Completion adjustment to eligibility data were applied for the most recent months of the base year (SFY 2022), based on historical completion patterns. This filing assumes the the public health emergency (PHE) will remain in force through May 11, 2023; however, the required maintenance of effort (MOE) will no longer be tied to the end of the PHE and will sunset March 31, 2023. The state of Indiana expects to restart regular redeterminations, with the return to normal operations occurring gradually over a 12-month period, as members come up for redetermination. The first cohort of ineligible members is projected to be disenrolled mid May 2023, returning to the normal operations by the time the PathWays program will be implemented. Annualized trends applied to the enrollment for each PathWays MEG as well as the time period the trends are applicable are included below the exhibit on tab "D1.Member Months" of accompanying Excel workbook.

**Appendix D6 – RO Targets**

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**M. Appendix D7 - Summary**

- a. Please explain any variance in the overall percentage change in spending from BY/R1 to P2.

The PMPM adjustment from BY to P1 are primarily related to:

- Adjusted to reflect state plan reimbursement changes between the BY and P1, primarily reimbursement increases for HCBS waiver services and state plan home health services and MCE care coordination and administration costs.
- Utilization and general cost increases that occurred or are projected to occur between the BY and P1 (36 months).

The PMPM adjustments from P1 to P2 and every year thereafter are primarily due to projected trend.

- 1. Please explain caseload changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in Section D.I.E.c & d:

Completion adjustment to eligibility data were applied for the most recent months of the base year (SFY 2022), based on historical completion patterns. This filing assumes the the public health emergency (PHE) will remain in force through May 11, 2023; however, the required maintenance of effort (MOE) will no longer be tied to the end of the PHE and will sunset March 31, 2023. The state of Indiana expects to restart regular redeterminations, with the return to normal operations occurring gradually over a 12-month period, as members come up for redetermination. The first cohort of ineligible members is projected to be disenrolled mid May 2023, returning to the normal operations by the time the PathWays program will be implemented. Annualized trends applied to the enrollment for each PathWays MEG as well as the time period the trends are applicable are included below the exhibit on tab "D1.Member Months" of accompanying Excel workbook.

There is no other variance between BY and P2.

2. Please explain unit cost changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in the State's explanation of cost increase given in Section D.I.I and D.I.J:

State plan service trend adjustments at an annual trend rate of 2.74% reflect estimated cost and utilization increases (excluding programmatic/policy/pricing changes) for the PathWays waiver population. This represents average medical care trend over the last ten years (SFY 2012 through SFY 2022), as summarized by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS). BY data was trended forward for 36 months to P1 and then for 12 months for each year after.

Programmatic/policy/pricing change adjustment:

- Reimbursement for the HCBS waiver services is projected to increase by 42.4% effective 7/1/2023.
- Reimbursement for state plan home health services is projected to increase by 32.0% effective 7/1/2023.
- MCE care coordination and administration has been added to reflect the expected costs for the MCEs.

3. Please explain utilization changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in the State's explanation of utilization given in Section D.I.I and D.I.J:

Utilization changed are embedded in the project PMPM trend and were projected based on historical data.

- b. Please note any other principal factors contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I.

There are no other principal factors that contribute to the overall annualized rate change.

## Appendix D7 - Summary