**For Managed Care Roundtable – Feb. 26, 2025**

**Federal policy matters affecting the Medicaid program:**

* [LeadingAge National rundown on possible Budget priorities affecting Medicaid recipient and providers**.**](https://leadingage.org/under-threat-impact-of-prospective-house-tax-policies-could-harm-nonprofits/)
* *See* Federal Ways and Means Committee list of priorities / funding cuts – [here](https://leadingage.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/reconciliation_WM_01.24.2025.pdf).
	+ One such priority is to end the NF staffing mandate.
	+ Other priorities include:
		- Medicaid Block Grants or Caps or other changes in Medicaid funding.
		- Enrollment / eligibility restrictions.
		- Expansion of Medicaid work requirements.
		- Tinkering with the FMAP (variety of ideas floating around).
		- Expansion of Telehealth services ... new Administration likely to continue without interruption.
		- MFAR (Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule – Nov. 2019) ... changes to the IGT program. **Not** specially being talked about currently but need to be on the lookout.

**2025 Indiana General Assembly – general information:**

The 2025 Indiana General Assembly began on Jan. 8, 2025 and will likely conclude on April 24, 2025.

Specific legislation pertaining to PathWays and/or LTC providers

* The half-way mark started with a week-long break on 2/24. T is now generally clear which of the 1200 Bills will continue on or which will be shelved for this year.
* **Notable Bills that are still moving:**
* [SB 2: Medicaid matters.](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/2/details)Severely limits Medicaid expansion though HIP 2.0, imposes work requirements to all programs, prohibits advertising or marketing of any Medicaid program.
* [SB 176: Licensed practical nurses](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/176) Passed out of the Senate and will move to the House.
	+ Lowers enrollment hurdles for prospective LPN students.
* [SB 419: Crimes against health care providers](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/419/details)[.](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/473) Passed out of the Senate and will move to the House.
* [SB 473: Various health care matters](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/473)**.** Passed out of Senate and moving to House.
	+ Aligns CNAs and QMAs within the nursing path and streamlines licensure requirements.
	+ Requires nursing programs to have long-term care clinical partnerships, expanding capacity for students
* [HB 1001: State Budget.](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1001/details) Passed out of House and moving to Senate
	+ Amendment #36 increases Personal Needs Allowance from $52 to $70 month.
* [HB 1391: Services for the Aged and Disabled](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1391/details). Passed out of House and moving to Senate.
	+ Focus is on, via the AAAs, attempting to expand the CHOICE program to keep seniors out the PathWays HCBS track.
* [HB 1427: Department of local government finance](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1427) Passed out of House and moving to Senate
	+ Property tax Bill that we have been working on since 2022
	+ Secures permanent exempt status for all NFP senior living provider types.
* [HB 1474: FSSA matters](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1474). Passed out of House and moving to Senate.
	+ Codifies the HCBS waiver programs and requires the State to publish savings estimates.

* **Notable Bills that have stalled:**
* [HB 1592: Services for the aged and disabled](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1592)
	+ More detailed oversight of the PathWays program ... targeting FSSA and the MCEs.
	+ Higher penalties / interest payments for late or inaccurate claim payments.
	+ Requirement that the state (FSSA) control the setting of Medicaid reimbursement rates.
	+ Provision extending the any willing provider requirement permanently.
	+ Creates a stand-alone AL Waiver program (ending the waitlist) and decoupling the linkage between PathWays and the AL Waiver programs.
* [HB 1023: Medicaid work requirements](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1023) - applied to individuals up to 65 years of age.
* [HB 1048: Personal (needs) allowance for facility residents](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1048) - increased the PNA from $52 to $100 per month.
* [HB 1168: Exemption from certain health care mandates](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1168) – prohibited anyone from requiring another individual to receive an immunization.
* [HB 1338: Employment and vaccinations.](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1338) – limited the ability of an employer to require immunizations.
* [HB 1262: Home and community-based services waivers](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1262) and [SB 301: Eligibility for benefits](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/301) would have restrict FSSA from looking at spousal income and assets in determining Medicaid eligibility.

**Pathways for Aging update**

**FSSA**

* FSSA has been relatively quiet.
* FSSA did conduct a NF rate meeting with stakeholders on Jan. 31. The slide deck is here:



**MCE Updates**

* MCEs have been quiet as well.
* We know that claims issues still persist (hospice claims issues, bad/debt zero-dollar, payment delays, incomplete payments, sending money to IGT partners, credentialing issues, etc.).
	+ We are working with the MCEs on these issues, as is FSSA.
	+ Please let me know if you have concerns – and I can try to exert additional pressure on my MCE contacts.

**AL Waiver updates:**

* Feb. 12, 2025 - FSSA updates its waiver invitation process for individuals on a waiting list
for home and community-based services waiver. See [here](https://view.subscription.in.gov/?qs=6e0c685e1db616aada8183c59d357e48e2c552ef6fcd816830ef332474c56cfbc7cd1572283c4d12b8edbc164f665ae18a204a7177e57f50977a0a6e9c9f5266bc2771e0cbd04c093eeb3b56d7ff836d).
* Ongoing class-action lawsuit filed by five seniors in October 2024.
	+ The lawsuit seeks to rescind the AL waiver waitlist and cease rationing Waiver slots.
	+ Triggered a halt of the two AL Waiver workgroups and pretty much all communication from FSSA
* Legislative efforts are being pursued to modify AL waiver programs and eligibility.
* General AL Waiver information can be found [here](https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/developmental-disability-services/health-and-wellness-and-traumatic-brain-injury-waivers/).
* Current AL waiver stats (for both the PathWays and Health & Wellness waivers) can be found [here](https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/information-for-individuals-and-families/hcbs-waiver-waiting-list-information/). Numbers below have not been updated by FSSA for Feb. 2025):
	+ PathWays - @6,250 Hoosiers remain on the waitlist
	+ Health & Wellness – @4,300 Hoosiers remain on the waitlist

**Myers & Stauffer announcements since last MC Roundtable:**

**Notice – Nursing Facility Total Quality Score (7/1/24 Q4 Data Refresh)**

* Providers are encouraged to review the 7/1/24 Q4 Data Refresh of the Total Quality Score calculation that is posted to the MS website [here](https://atpscan.global.hornetsecurity.com?d=Ozlr4DIkQCJsFF_fs9bUnwGni4nGKvKb3em3-o2o5uB3oExDrNTDI1CMKDAGnEfD&f=aZOnvH7xvQUVfGG1TCfIa5fZuRPg_dPVwxktgztxF9p39IEWBUePbuhICXxzjmP1&i=&k=Gx2C&m=wdLi-BR82MUTSW-LKNWQFo4luwU2L6DOJjs8-s7-d7VZXQIW9CLcUsqnRTwUldBOPqgDGwcGTYfZG2R0W6hCVM4PD99xULM2Iv51sxKJ3XCVSHispTepVICZBGljq9f9&n=9pzm3NVsCv2vB6OU01mwl4TfuvAqu_OVmc66dn7WVQjvq0XWYT4aPCNHz3idauwBM67xsYlm8bzw92HOt1ndYUwoA6M0N7F0DmGQr2CwCRg&r=YOwdhYoHBYvEKxRbvfOorMdo7Qy-UBDZkl28r5d06gc9sm6Ak8rweXobqxa5Dn3t&s=898ad1d4d0b2fcec2bdfd8731b2a26b31d60d7fb622903f6054e5883bb1f5917&u=https%3A%2F%2Fmyersandstauffer.com%2Fclient-portal%2Findiana%2Findiana-long-term-care%2F%23toggle-id-13).  The 7/1/24 Q4 Data Refresh is provided to exhibit the trend in the TQS values using more recent CMS published data.  Note, the data for the 7/1/24 Q4 Data Refresh was derived from the CMS published data as of October 2024 while the TQS values in the 7/1/24 Q3 rates were calculated using CMS published data as of July 2024.  These refreshed TQS calculations are provided for informational purposes only.  This informational TQS data **will not** be utilized in Medicaid rates.

**Notice – Changes to the MS Secure Sign-on.**

* Within the next couple of weeks Providers will experience a more secure method to signing into [https://pcrsecure-in.mslc.com/](https://atpscan.global.hornetsecurity.com?d=SU5TyWfz16nzbJ518Dxx9FPjpFxm2vPDlNnPq1BxdBAeFtgi8H9tFAL-vbqjuDIy&f=WzpjKBpPlE3GtknpHoCc5Xb5aIZSGv227WtkY7Aq6Vz-Giiz2fJYjbjV_MYR7hiU&i=&k=iFvi&m=bPiPqHw3SxSg6YLCezsL9NVaKKC9hk09Ny5X5ViQ8-nAqHXwGIjbXZkMrJuuHNvR7Oz_33g384WWLva5Ns7Ji40M3QWH9R5tR0hjQqSvAooXKkMM0cMnUy1slvZ9YEPe&n=OkpOW33mZyLLlRN54cVTgHkzt_vwR4NHfc1nUgdYjbua1uAt4bK4DGaq4sH9t7WtuSzlCoy5DffljFN8cx5z44LmwMvgx3ZAKxDIauzC_ZU&r=-QeFdV1q-lUF8G-QKQ62ZGtVemUHW_qMfVaAjQGmwEvcggNQyiIxBqRGIXI_rrrZ&s=358da9829c0682cab6eb2a7eb917be042e83b30d578da0cd6b3d89ed428620b7&u=https%3A%2F%2Fpcrsecure-in.mslc.com%2F).  MS is adding Single Sign On authentication to the site:
1. The user-name with be the full email address of authorized users.
2. Password complexity settings
	1. At least 14 characters
	2. A lowercase letter
	3. An uppercase letter
	4. A number
	5. A symbol
	6. No parts of your username
	7. Does not include your first name
	8. Does not include your last name
	9. Password can't be the same as your last 8 passwords
	10. Is not within a commonly used password dictionary
3. Users will receive an email with an account activation link from no-reply@mslc.com with the subject line of “Welcome to Your New Myers and Stauffer Portal”. If one has recently activated Single Sign On to one of the other MS portals such as SFTP and client specific portals, you more than likely will not receive the email and will able to sign on with your new credentials once we “Go Live” on [https://pcrsecure-in.mslc.com/](https://atpscan.global.hornetsecurity.com?d=qkyg4iCPD4TDhiF2uY6y0hJlT9Vy_XUv8Lw4XA3jbHQS3720i3ExUe3LpWCoso9E&f=1IjvnbrkEG1xbHIU5mMPvirsb_5D6h7sx-kHw1bJ5ly3yrB4hJBBx2cInAVEcNWh&i=&k=bBO1&m=BYaU2aWPNY3GobodkLXOF17ztZK7Wqly_LI9DJqWQLLqZbsVtX0wWH0GcUpsqszupTtri1xOhp44A6dgxPLmRJs8IIEU0uS6SzmD7ClmWFzcqM6YDw31io-h8WW9W9cz&n=T2xiIcKKIrPnhlSdPH7AOMzA__W0R_MqjGiQuP2YPuEdw9wrANY-J8_QQeEsuqXrXzrpQKH_QWG1mA-hq-DHNBwjQ2dd-Ko_wUUJno8Y4ow&r=rWf_mIL2W6cZeLUpw94K6I2IOCOl59dLTb5XRVNyryw63-zYh0T4mbwXkuNzlQPa&s=a13a2bb6e3acfb98fd488925f67807faa4b8127da1eb902f5504da6b050ab5f7&u=https%3A%2F%2Fpcrsecure-in.mslc.com%2F).

**Notice – Non-State Government-Owned (NSGO) Supplemental/Directed Payment Program Resident Detail Reports**

* Nursing Facility Providers are encouraged to review the recent announcement regarding the Non-State Government-Owned Supplemental/Directed Payment Program Resident Detail Reports.   You can view the announcement by clicking [here](https://atpscan.global.hornetsecurity.com?d=rUp8iXFkXE3PferXnf2CRfgFoI47hqXsOjAxM8_K2lyWVvqs8xkPhiiOsL_RMq4O&f=GkhOwWFSRG93dkZ2XYX7U-zSAaVxHqgA_o_cIBpcXWGqndoUGMrAFJ8ZyRaAeFiH&i=&k=DBm3&m=Te1M7fdCnns9vSxVNcY2EfGMv7kkNo-MYngigiVEglct_rsThbAANJMQ7aVOXGaYcyNpGVy9ctwVbq-LYiZdTFJxFnm8deSQYIScY8MEA91bB5DgX6694U453cEasYPZ&n=XIQoluZjg8xwfQGZxLhgdyT1iMvYbinxSXUp0QLOEExFNnDYCZjwS04-go3NTiWil1MVMx74HQlgvuhD9N8mOQYu8-gIhj-tLBiDrNskroY&r=_Tn4OXDJVIusZ-t_ZnGMLmaU7dmXq98kRE5JuncwmgzmIPYBfRTb7GnFG3pwZuTY&s=cb632f012870584ac0200a1a7e4d375a97e479c4b63d21efbaf9ee7469979886&u=https%3A%2F%2Fmyersandstauffer.com%2Fdocuments%2FIN%2FLong-Term%2520Care%2FAnnouncements%2FNew%2520Announcements%2F2025-01-31%2520-%2520Supplemental%2520Payment%2520Resident%2520Detail%2520Reports.pdf).
* Additionally, your facility's Pooled Supplemental Payment MDS resident detail report representing June 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 is available for download.  This report will be used for the SFY 2025 Q2 Interim Payment and can be found on the Indiana Case Mix Reports portal at [https://incasemixreports.mslc.com/](https://atpscan.global.hornetsecurity.com?d=iWcZ0_jTsQUIyn6jA2T1sls5cQKpuLEiVgFZJxJ6g-d-XENUCHmf0eqI9yLiVqMQ&f=TUX8HM_spXRwKYTCmorKmPOTua8kNQnXsWF0TDRlS7VrEtK-puWMPR_Uemq439Mv&i=&k=E0dc&m=9D36Wdk-ZEucGKH-7GCgsaSmhIBK8wGw39uG1Ibxc5tpv7lF5mkducnu0HYFcmfQDsvz0gZyu-oMlIsBu5yuJNUzdOZVIVWDCeZdB7Qz4t54YdM1t6RHl1TKy7BpqNIA&n=lrNet5utHbC9GywlHB8tEl11eQg1E2WxWW4K1jNHN5ugiywNeZR9-yivRV1HarmYxttqAYWH28ZZncJWy4rZ3ss2eLUpZeyCagl7ascXThE&r=BE30SBNeaoBUrqpXy1wLNj7mES-GrDiQ0xkwle2gS-RDlK1rsDBhDmgceYWqZ6Vc&s=bde3b5639ef84767afbab49045c7335f429f3a9850166d1b5194d9c4cb54d079&u=https%3A%2F%2Fincasemixreports.mslc.com%2F).
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**Other Reminders:**

* Claims Submission – timely filing date externed to Jan. 31. 2025.
	+ See [BT2024215](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers/files/bulletins/BT2024215.pdf) ... After Jan. 31. 2025, the regular timely filing limit (submission within 90 days from the date of service) will resume as per the MCE provider manuals.
	+ Don’t forget to routinelycheck the [IHCP Bulletins page](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers/provider-references/bulletins-banner-pages-and-reference-modules/ihcp-bulletins/).
* Probari Care and Service Coordinator Seminar – see slides attached to calendar appt., and View the recording [HERE](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/F9o-VkZ96odsnFMAA1k-ZaiF8mSvRBMTpRf_Zn3LoxuljcdZ-PoI2dOKw6bclx6t.d2zCPjRNlhmdwvsM?startTime=1738259127000).
* Reimbursement Day – March 4, Zionsville, IN; register [here](https://www.leadingageindiana.org/aws/LAIN/pt/sd/calendar/363019/_PARENT/layout_details/false).
* Long-term Care Day at the Statehouse – March 11, 2025; RSVP link can be found [here](https://associationdatabase.com/aws/LAIN/pt/show_detail/363472?layout_name=layout_details&model_name=calendar).
* LAIN Annual Spring Conference – May 1-2. All three (3) MCEs and FSSA will be presenting on the PathWays for Aging program.