



PathWays Preview

Managed Long Term Services and Supports Navigation Tool

March 13, 2024

Welcome to this edition of PathWays Preview, providing data on topics related to contracting, enrollment, claims processing, care/service coordination, rates/reimbursement, government affairs, and upcoming meetings and webinars to help you navigate and prepare for the Indiana Medicaid program launching **PathWays** (known as Managed Long Term Services and Supports or MLTSS).



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PATHWAYS 101 WEBINAR NOTES

IHCA/INCAL recently hosted a PathWays (Managed Care) 101 webinar highlighting managed care basics, resident MCE enrollment, contracting, care coordination and claims payment. The basics of the new nursing rate methodology was also covered. *Access the slide deck [HERE](#) and the recording [HERE](#).*



CARE & SERVICE COORDINATION

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration recently communicated with IHCA/INCAL that PathWays Managed Care Entities will not be permitted to use prior authorization requirements to determine nursing facility length of stay. Once the amended policy and scope of work on this issue is available, IHCA/INCAL will share it with members.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Senate Enrolled Act 132 was signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb this week. This omnibus legislation was strongly supported by IHCA/INCAL and covered the industry's entire agenda for the 2024 session.

Pertaining to long-term care, the new law does the following:

- Creates a temporary emergency financial assistance program for the first 210 days of the PathWays for Aging managed care program to ensure cash flow for operators and continuity of care for residents.
 - Establishes payment delay, claim denial, and other emergency triggers that would require MCOs to issue advanced payments to affected health care providers.
 - Mandates FSSA to create a claims testing period for all providers in advance of the PathWays program launch.
- Clarifies licensure requirements for Health Facility Administrators as clean up from HEA1461 (2023), specifically regarding the voluntary nature of a 200-hour specialized course in the AIT program.
- Creates flexibilities for foreign graduate nurse applicants seeking to be licensed and to work in Indiana, specifically regarding English proficiency and adding new credential evaluating organizations to expedite the visa screening process.

ACTION ITEM: If you have any questions or comments about the legislation or IHCA/INCAL's government affairs efforts broadly, please contact Nick Goodwin at ngoodwin@ihca.org.



Claims Payment: FSSA will host a claims webinar with Managed Care Entities at 10:30 a.m. on April 15. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Upcoming Meetings/Webinars

March 13, noon: Managed Care Members-Only Contracting Webinar. [Click to join](#).

March 28, noon: IHCA/INCAL monthly MLTSS webinar series. [Register here](#).

This free webinar series occurs the last Thursday of the month.

April 15, 10:30 a.m.: FSSA claims webinar with MCEs. [Register here](#).

April 16-17: IHCA/INCAL 2024 Spring Conference. [Register here](#).