

Good Morning

We wanted to share information related to parents/spouses being paid caregivers.

- IDHW does not yet have approval from our federal partner CMS to end FPCS program. It's looking like we will not have it on time to prepare for a February 1 date to automate changing FPCS authorizations over.
- We will not be closing current FPCS (T1019 V1) authorizations at this time. We will notify providers when we intend to make changes to authorizations.
- Participants may keep using their spouse or parent as their direct care worker because we do not have approval yet. We will advise providers in advance of when they must have made alternative arrangements with the households they serve.
- Please encourage your participants with a parent/spouse as their paid caregiver to begin looking for alternative caregivers.

We have also had questions around closure of the participants program if they do not use a service.

- If a participant does not use PCS services for greater than 30 days, their PCS program will be closed and they will need to reapply for PCS. For children they can *reapply* for PCS by calling 877-799-4430 and requesting PCS for their child.

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