

## INARF Public Policy Review – December 2023

INARF has developed this document, updated monthly, which summarizes key industry trends, issues and developments that occurred in the previous month and is presented in executive summary format. If you have questions or comments, please contact any of the INARF Public Policy Team including Katy Stafford-Cunningham at [katy@inarf.org](mailto:katy@inarf.org) or Courtney Scott at [courtney@inarf.org](mailto:courtney@inarf.org).

### HEA 1342 Implementation:

HEA 1342 requires an RFP to be released by January of 2024 for a training and curriculum vendor. INARF has participated in a workgroup regarding this RFP and will keep providers updated as further information becomes available. A scope of work excerpt is available to view in draft form ahead of the RFP release. The excerpt was assembled for the benefit of stakeholders who have supported the design of this program from the outset. The RFP is still planned to go live in January.

[View the Scope of Work draft excerpt](#)

[View information on the RFP workgroup](#)

### EVV:

Announced in [IHCP Bulletin BT2023145](#), FSSA announced a temporary full go-live of the EVV system that took place from November 15, 2023, through December 15, 2023. On December 16, 2023, FSSA began temporarily turning off edits for EVV claim denials to allow opportunity for providers to identify errors in their agency's EVV processes and system that occurred during the temporary go-live. FSSA has committed to hosting multiple opportunities for providers to ask questions and to support providers before a final full go-live. FSSA EVV full go-live will permanently be in place in April 2024.

[View New Step in EVV Announced](#)

[View the EVV Townhall Video](#)

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### INARF 2024 Legislative Agenda:

The INARF 2024 Legislative Agenda consists of supporting the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force (1102 Task Force) goals. The five goals the Task Force identified in 2023 are priorities for INARF in 2024 and beyond. For the 2024 Legislative Session, INARF is focusing on transportation and DSP data transparency. INARF is currently researching Medicaid ride-sharing programs outside of NEMT in other states and how Indiana can incorporate them for people with disabilities. This is also a part of the INARF Board's priority on Waiver Redesign. INARF hopes to raise awareness about transportation access issues in the I/DD community. Another INARF Board priority, to increase focus on member DSP workforce issues, is at the

forefront for INARF this legislative session. INARF intends to take appropriate actions to require the Department of Workforce Development to post the DSP workforce information on its website. Currently, the DWD issues monthly employment reports and gives breakdowns based on occupations. DSPs do not have their own separate classification. Allowing this data to become publicly available will demonstrate the State's commitment to understanding DSP workforce trends and giving attention to our industry.

[View the INARF 2024 Legislative Agenda.](#)

**Medicaid Forecast:**

On December 19, the State Budget Committee met to discuss the Medicaid forecast. Cora Steinmetz, Medicaid Director, and Milliman provided the details on the forecast. During the presentation, it was revealed that for State fiscal year 2023, an estimated \$271.2 million in additional funding would be necessary. For State fiscal year 2024, an additional \$255.2 million in funding is necessary, and for fiscal year 2025, an additional \$457.9 million in funding is necessary to keep pace with current utilization. This is a variance from the April Medicaid forecast of \$984.3 million over the three fiscal years. Cora Steinmetz provided the State Budget Committee with a direction that FSSA is exploring for mitigation and remediation strategies. HCBS waivers were identified as an area where the current level of growth was not previously forecasted. Cost containment by reviewing enrollment and eligibility processes and ensuring utilization management practices are in place is crucial to ensuring that people do not lose services, according to OMPP. Lastly, Cora Steinmetz stated that OMPP is committed to ensuring reimbursement that provides sustainability for the State and providers. FSSA leadership is currently developing strategies and steps to ensure cost containment, with hopes of unveiling preliminary steps in the coming weeks.

[View the Medicaid Forecast PowerPoint](#)