

2021 INARF Legislative Agenda

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Wages

- DSPs provide life-saving services so individuals with disabilities may live independent, healthy, high-quality lives. Services include personal hygiene assistance, feeding, medicine administration, life skills training, job coaching, transportation, among other services
- In Indiana, the statewide average DSP wage is \$11.36/hr
- Entry level Target stores employees make \$15/hr minimum wage Walmart stores employees.
- Medicaid is the sole source of funding for DSP-delivered services
- In 2020, INARF Members reported the average DSP turnover rate was 51% and the average DSP vacancy rate is 23%

***Ask:** INARF requests the appropriation of \$10,000,000 per year in state Medicaid funding in order to raise the average DSP wage by \$1 per hour.*

Regulatory Relief

Telehealth

- Extend the use of telehealth for Medicaid services beyond the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and reimburse at the same rates as in-person service delivery

Liability Coverage for Providers

- Liability protections for healthcare providers and staff

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

- Identify and implement efficiencies with State contractors in order to streamline the rollout of the EVV mandate

Simplification of Day Habilitation Ratio Billing

- Eliminate the administrative burden of ratio billing for the Day Habilitation waiver service

Extend the Timely Filing Deadline during the PHE

- Extend the timely filing limit on claims for services rendered through fee for service (FFS) delivery system retroactive to the beginning of the PHE