

Comparison of Family Respite Options

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*As of 12/1/11, families who have a child or adult relative eligible for the Medicaid Waiver may no longer manage their respite through the Voucher Respite program. This summary was designed by Channel Islands Social Services and is intended to assist families and Service Coordinators in understanding some of the differences in respite options.

	Financial Management Service (FMS) – Co-Employer Option	Agency Respite / EOR	Voucher Respite (Only allowed if NOT Medicaid Waiver eligible)
Conversion Process from Voucher Respite	<p>*Family Contacts Service Coordinator to have telephone IPP meeting to review respite options, make choice, and then contact chosen organization to obtain necessary forms.</p> <p>*Service Coordinator sends family info and new authorization for services to organization.</p> <p>*Organization receives and processes forms from family and their chosen Respite Caregivers are hired.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Same</p> <p>Most respite agencies should be able to have the family's chosen Respite Caregiver hired within 1-2 weeks of receiving completed paperwork.</p>	n/a
Who Tracks and Schedules the Respite?	Family tracks all hours and schedules their own caregiver up to their authorized amount.	Same	Family tracks all hours and schedules their own caregiver up to their authorized amount.
Who bills for services to the regional center?	FMS issues monthly statement to families and regional center.	Agency Respite provider issues quarterly statement to families who can call or email at any time for an update on their hours if they have lost track.	Family does all their own billing to the regional center AFTER paying their caregivers.
What will my Respite Caregiver be paid?	Pay varies by FMS, but most Respite Caregivers are paid minimum wage . FMS will issue an annual W2 to employee.	Pay varies by agency, but most Respite Caregivers are paid \$2.00/hr more than minimum wage . The rate is higher if the person is supervising two or more authorized siblings.	Family is reimbursed \$3.00/hour more than minimum wage (State sets rates) by the regional center AFTER they have paid their caregiver (typically after each respite visit)
When will they be paid?	Most agencies pay every 2 weeks.	Respite agency will issue an annual W2 to employee. Most agencies pay every 2 weeks.	All families are required to adhere to IRS Household Employer laws and properly withhold all employer taxes and withholdings.
Will my caregiver be paid for mileage?	No mileage.	YES , if authorized by the regional center and if they meet minimum qualifications set by the employer.	No mileage.
Who recruits new Respite Caregivers for the family?	Family can refer AND FMS can recruit or refer. Most FMS only act as EOR and do not refer caregivers.	Family can refer AND respite agency can recruit or refer or both.	Family

Established in 2004, Channel Islands Social Services is Ventura County's only family-operated full service respite organization that also offers Employer of Record (EOR) respite.

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