

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 a week of receiving completed paperwork.</p>	n/a
<p>Who Tracks and Schedules the Respite?</p> <p>Who bills for services to the regional center?</p>	<p>Family tracks all hours and schedules their own caregiver up to their authorized amount.</p> <p>FMS issues monthly statement to families and regional center.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Same</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Family tracks all hours and schedules their own caregiver up to their authorized amount.</p> <p>Family does all their own billing to the regional center AFTER paying their caregivers.</p>
<p>What will my Respite Caregiver be paid?</p> <p>When will they be paid?</p> <p>Will my caregiver be paid for mileage?</p>	<p>Pay varies by FMS, but most Respite Caregivers are paid \$8.40/hr before taxes. FMS will issue an annual W2 to employee. Most agencies pay every 2 weeks.</p> <p>No mileage.</p>	<p>Pay varies by agency, but most Respite Caregivers are paid \$10.00/hr before taxes. The rate is higher if the person is supervising two or more authorized siblings. Respite agency will issue an annual W2 to employee. Most agencies pay every 2 weeks.</p> <p>YES, if authorized by the regional center and if they meet minimum qualifications</p>	<p>Family is reimbursed \$10.25/hr by the regional center AFTER they have paid their caregiver (typically after each respite visit). <u>IF</u> the family properly withheld all employer taxes, the caregiver would be paid \$9/hr, but would still have to report their income to the IRS and may owe further taxes.</p> <p>No mileage.</p>
Who recruits new Respite Caregivers for the family?	Family can refer AND FMS can recruit or refer. Since this is a new service option, most FMS do not have a large pool of caregivers yet.	Family can refer AND respite agency can recruit or refer.	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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