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## **Quarterly Provider Newsletter: Arts Commission Announces Program with FSSA to Bring Arts and Creativity to Older Adults | Best Practice - Medicaid Effective Date | 1135 Waiver Change**

The Indiana Arts Commission (**IAC**) recently announced a new partnership with Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (**FSSA**) Division of Aging geared towards benefiting older adults in Indiana.

**Lifelong Arts Indiana** is a learning opportunity for aging services providers and artists to develop their skills in providing creative experiences for older adults. The program equips participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide impactful creative experiences for older adults, ages sixty-five and older, in their community-- and provides access to the funds to help make it happen.

“Through national research and previous agency work in this area, we have seen the immense impact that creative activity has on Indiana’s older adults,” said Miah Michaelsen, IAC Executive Director. “We are incredibly grateful for the partnership of the FSSA to bring training and funding to support this work around the state.”

Lifelong Arts Indiana has two tracks, one for teaching artists and the other for aging services providers.

Teaching artists can apply to be a part of the Lifelong Arts Indiana Artist Cohort. Selected participants complete a virtual, three-day workshop led by Lifetime Arts, a national leader in creative aging program development. Training will explore best practices in creative aging and strategies to develop an effective, sequential arts learning experience for older adults. Following training, participants will receive personal coaching and up to \$1,500 via an Early Action Grant opportunity. The deadline to apply for the artist cohort is March 30, 2023.

### **[Apply to be a part of the artist cohort.](#)**

Aging services providers can sign up for one of four free, in-person workshops. The training sessions are as follows:

- April 28, 2023: Fort Wayne
- June 23, 2023: Bloomington
- Sept. 19, 2023: Evansville
- Nov. 14, 2023: Gary

### **[Sign up to attend a training for aging services providers.](#)**

The trainings are designed for professionals in the aging services community, such as area agencies on aging, senior centers, or other community-based senior serving organizations, and will focus on information about creative aging theory, step-by-step planning support, practical application of the learnings, and the opportunity for grant support.

Aging services provider training participants will be eligible to apply for an Early Action Grant to fund a sequential arts-learning experience for a group of older adults in their community. Grants will be for up to \$5,000 and must be led by a qualified artist.

Learn more about the program and different training and funding opportunities available.

## **BEST PRACTICE: Input the Medicaid Effective Date**

If there is a Medicaid effective date available, always be sure to include it when entering information for an individual's PASRR referral.

## **REMINDER: Section 1135 Waiver to Change on May 11**

A recent announcement from DHHS was issued regarding the official May 11, 2023 end of the public health emergency (PHE). With this change, the 30-day delay of PASRR Level I screenings and Level II evaluations will also terminate on May 11, 2023.

Note that this planned date is beyond the 60-day notice that CMS has previously said would be given to allow states to unwind any COVID-related changes to their PASRR program. As such, CMS will expect all states to resume full pre-admission PASRR activities as of May 12, 2023.

**Additional questions?** If you have specific questions about this upcoming change and how it will affect PASRR activities, please contact the Help Desk by phone at **833.597.2777** or email: [pasrr@fssa.in.gov](mailto:pasrr@fssa.in.gov).

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## **Register for March 29 Provider Training: “Revisiting AssessmentPro and the Level I” Ahead of 1135 Waiver Change**

Join the Indiana PASRR Training Team for an informative, hour-long Hospital provider-focused training. Nursing Facility staff and other AssessmentPro users are also welcomed to attend. During this session, we will review several **AssessmentPro basics**, including:

- How to register for AssessmentPro
- Resetting your password
- Completing the Level I Screen
- Digital form used for release of information
- Digital form used for the assessment scheduling attestation

**[Register: Revisiting AssessmentPro and the Level I | 3 p.m. ET Wednesday, March 29](#)**

## **Why you should attend**

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## **New Provider Training Session Added: “Revisiting AssessmentPro and the Level I” Ahead of 1135 Waiver Change | 3 p.m. ET on Wednesday, April 5**

So many people have expressed interest in the AssessmentPro and Level I training that we are opening a second session. If you missed the previous session, please follow the link below to register and join us for next Wednesday’s training. We will make the recording available via email for anyone who registers, as well as sharing on the Indiana PASRR Tools and Resources page for all to access. During this session, we will review several **AssessmentPro basics**, including:

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