

Silver Birch Medicaid Letter Template

# Make Your Voice Heard on the Medicaid Waitlist in 3 Easy Steps

To make it easier to send a powerful message to your state representative, we’ve put together a free template, complete with instructions on how to fill it out and send it.

| **STEP 1** | Make a Copy and Fill Out the Letter Template Go to File > Make a Copy to duplicate and save this document to your device. All fields marked [LIKE THIS] need to be replaced with your information, including why this issue matters to you. We’ve included an example of a filled letter after the template. |
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| **STEP 2** | [Find Your State Representative](https://iga.in.gov/information/find-legislators) Use the link above or scan the QR code to help you find the contact information for your area representative, so that you know where to send your letter.  A qr code with a tree in the middle  Description automatically generated |
| **STEP 3** | Mail Your Letter Once filled out, remove all instructions and the example letter. Then all you have to do is email or print and mail your personalized letter, adding your voice to the multitude of fellow Hoosiers who demand change. |

# TEMPLATE LETTER

[FIRST NAME LAST NAME]

[STREET ADDRESS]

[CITY, STATE ZIP]

To whom it may concern,

My name is [NAME]. I live at [ADDRESS]. The FSSA has made a decision that changed my life dramatically for the worse.

I am asking you to contact Governor Holcomb and ask him to reverse the FSSA decision to freeze any new persons from getting HCBS services from the Aged & Disabled waiver program.

I am [AGE] years old and have lived in this community for [LENGTH OF STAY] years. Previously, I used to [LIFE STORY – what did you do for a living? Are you a veteran? Volunteer?] But now I can no longer take care of myself due to [CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS / REASON FOR LEVEL OF CARE], so I am in need of HCBS services to meet my care needs.

According to the FSSA, this waitlist will be in effect until the earliest July 1 and FSSA is not providing any direction on how long I will have to wait beyond July 1 until my case is processed.

I have already spent [WEEKS SINCE REFERRAL/START OF PROCESS] weeks on numerous phone calls and filling out all types of paperwork. Then, in early April I found out FSSA has imposed a waitlist for people like me that need the Aged & Disabled waiver program.

I received no notice that this would be coming, only an electronic announcement to our local AAA. No warning, no grace period, just a complete unexpected stop.

I’ve played by the rules and then with no notice, FSSA changes the rules.

I’m worried every day about where I’m going to live and how I am going to receive needed medical and care services until FSSA undoes its harmful freeze. I feel blindsided by this, and getting the help I need feels out of reach. My only option now is to go to a nursing home – which I hate, but might have to.

Due to my health and care situation, I have been preparing to move into assisted living, which was to be an ideal solution for me. It is simply unfair to cut off people like me off.

Please contact FSSA and the Governor’s and ask them to reverse their waitlist decision, so I have the care I need to remain safe without moving to a nursing home.

Sincerely,

[FIRST AND LAST NAME]

# EXAMPLE LETTER

Bob Jones

123 N Street

Michigan City, Indiana

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bob. I live at 123 N St in Michigan City, Indiana.

FSSA has made a decision that changed my life dramatically for the worse. I am asking you to contact Governor Holcomb and ask him to reverse the FSSA decision to freeze any new persons from getting HCBS services from the Aged & Disabled waiver program.

I am 73 years old and have lived in this community for 40 years. Previously, I used to work in the local steel mill, and in my free time I regularly volunteered at the local youth center. Now I can no longer take care of myself due to being a stroke survivor with low mobility, so I am in need of HCBS services to meet my care needs.

According to the FSSA, this waitlist will be in effect until the earliest July 1 and FSSA is not providing any direction on how long I will have to wait beyond July 1 until my case is processed.

I have already spent 9 weeks on numerous phone calls and filling out all types of paperwork. Then, in early April I found out FSSA has imposed a waitlist for people like me that need the Aged & Disabled waiver program.

I received no notice that this would be coming, only an electronic announcement to our local AAA. No warning, no grace period, just a complete unexpected stop.

I’ve played by the rules and then with no notice, FSSA changes the rules.

I’m worried every day about where I’m going to live and how I am going to receive needed medical and care services until FSSA undoes its harmful freeze. I feel blindsided by this, and getting the help I need feels out of reach. My only option now is to go to a nursing home – which I hate, but might have to.

Due to my health and care situation, I have been preparing to move into assisted living, which was to be an ideal solution for me. It is simply unfair to cut off people like me off.

Please contact FSSA and the Governor’s and ask them to reverse their waitlist decision, so I have the care I need to remain safe without moving to a nursing home.

Sincerely,

Bob Jones