

IHSS or CDASS... Which Fits?

Factor	IHSS	CDASS
Waivers	Children’s HCBS Elderly, Blind and Disabled Spinal Cord Injury	Brain Injury Community Mental Health Supports Elderly, Blind and Disabled Spinal Cord Injury Supported Living Services
Interest	Client or Authorized Representative expresses interest	Client or Authorized Representative expresses interest
Need	Case Manager determines need in at least one of the 3 service categories	Case Manager determines need in at least one of the 4 service categories
Health Status	Stable or Unstable Health	Stable Health
Employer Authority	Joint Employer (Additional agency support)	Individual Employer (Fiscal Employer Agent - F/EA)
Budget Authority	No	Yes
Service Flexibility	Joint	Yes



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Family Member Attendants	Yes, including spouses *Family Member Attendants cannot provide homemaking tasks	Yes, including spouses
Family Member Attendant Hours	40 hour/week maximum per Client for Relative Personal Care only. Health maintenance allowed based On Client need	40 hour/week maximum per family member
Attendant	Agency assists Client with hiring and training attendants	Must have 2 attendants enrolled with FMS
Back-up staffing	Agency must have 24-hour back-up staff for scheduled visits	Client is required to have back-up plan
Location	Statewide; Agencies available on the official IHSS Provider List	Statewide
Home Health	Acute and Long-Term Home Health, Private Duty Nursing	Acute home health only
Additional Support	IHSS Agency & Agency back-up staff Access to Health Professional Training Support Independent Living Core Services	Training & Operations Vendor FMS Provider

