

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Medicaid Monthly Virtual Meeting Nov. 20, 2025



Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
- Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates
- H.R. 1 Rural Health Transformation Plan
- 1915(i) RISE Initiative
- Reentry Status Update
- 1915(c) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver
- National Diabetes Awareness Month
- Department for Public Health: Kentucky Immunizations
- Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight: Community Health
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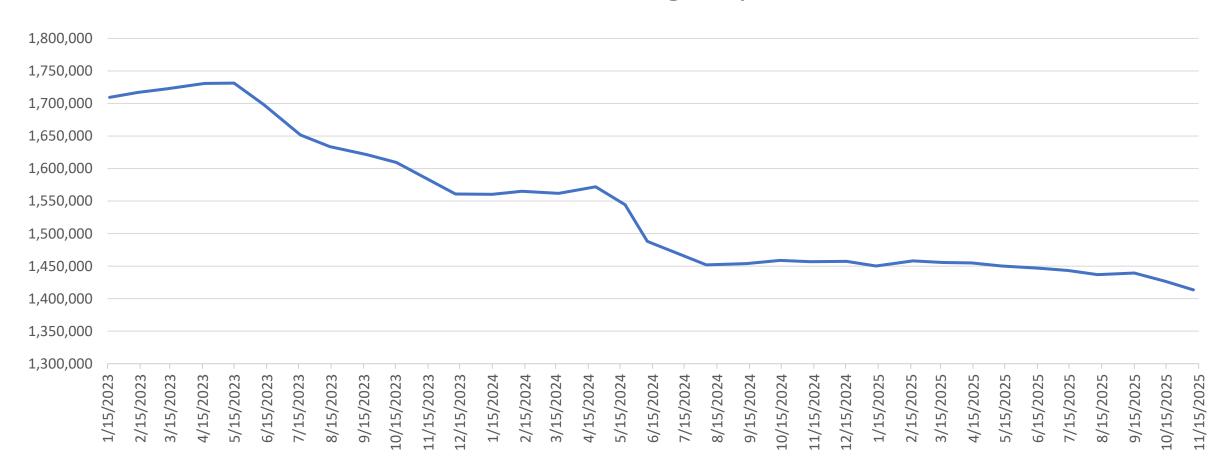


Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates



Medicaid Enrollment Trend

Medicaid Enrollment: Jan 2023 through September 2025 Renewals





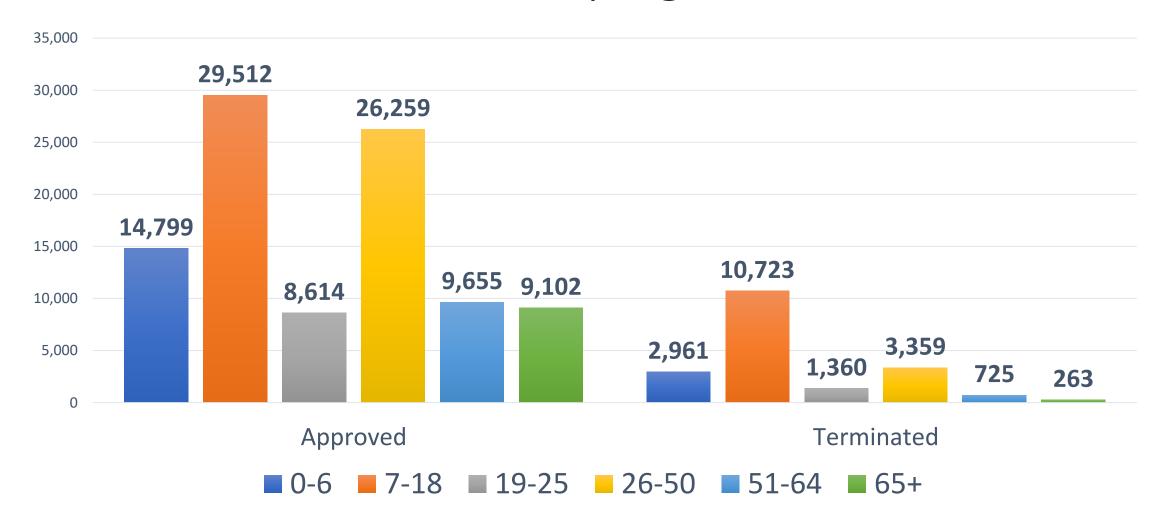
Medicaid Renewals – October 2025

	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending
October	120,126	97,941	19,941	903



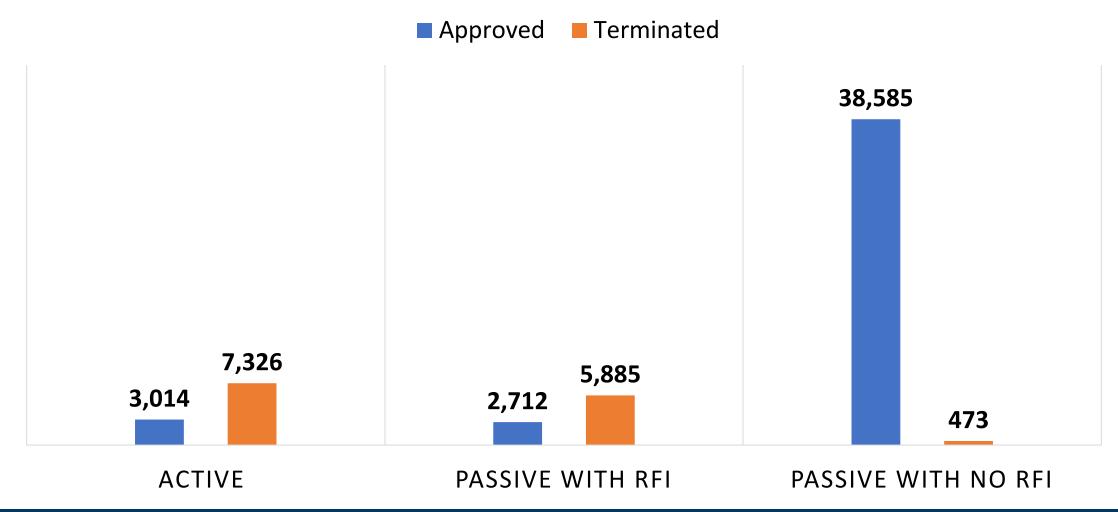
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October 2025 Renewals By Age



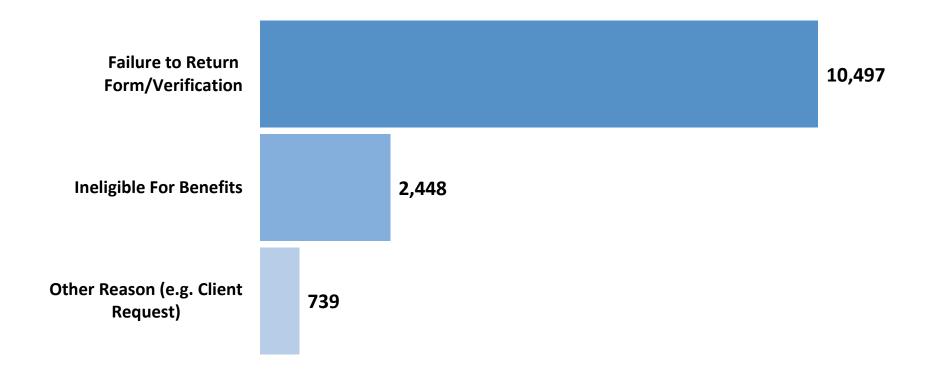


October 2025 Child Renewals





October 2025 Child Terminations by Reason





Stay Covered: Renew Your Medicaid!



Every 12 months Medicaid members will go through a renewal process to make sure they are still eligible for coverage. Keep your information updated!



A renewal notice is sent at least **45 days before** the due date with instructions and a deadline to submit required information. A reminder is sent about **15 days** before due date.



You can check your renewal month by logging into the Kynect portal or calling the Kynect line. kynect.ky.gov or call 855-4kynect (855-459-6328). Providers also have access to the renewal date in KYHealthNet.



Send in requested information **right away to avoid losing coverage**! If coverage is terminated, reach out within 90 days to submit information to **reactivate** the case. If outside the 90 days will need to **reapply**.



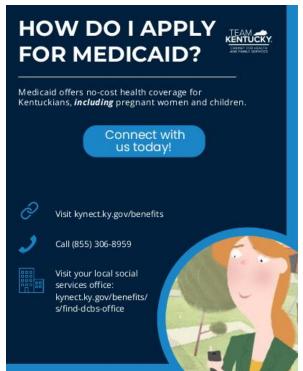
Help us get the message out! Communications materials available to support members!

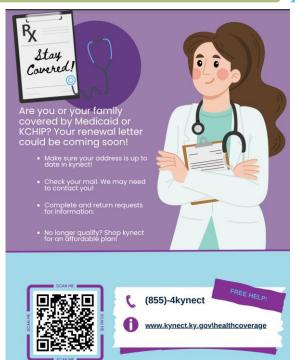
How to Apply

Materials for Offices

Get help from kynectors

Renewals









kynect

Spread the word about Renewals for Children too! Materials are available to help families stay in the know!

Renewing Child Coverage Health Coverage Options

Get help from kynectors

Use kynect











KY Medicaid Website Resources

https://medicaidrenewals.ky.gov



Monthly Forum Session Information

KY Reports

FAQs

Medicaid Member Information

Medicaid Provider Information

Communication Materials

Kentucky Plans and Reports

Kentucky prioritizes transparency across all operations and progress related to renewals. The following materials include up-to-date information on renewals as they are reported to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Additional reports will be added to this section as they are available.

Most Recent CMS Monthly Data Reports

Kentucky Monthly Data Report - July 2025 Reporting Period - Updated

July Data Demographic Report

Kentucky Monthly Data Report - October 2025 Reporting Period

• October Data Demographic Report

Past Monthly Reports

If you would like to review past plans, information, and reports from the public health emergency (PHE) unwinding, you can visit that website here: https://medicaidunwinding.ky.gov

Communications Materials

If you should need any materials to share with your customers or partners, please feel free to leverage the following resources, developed and approved by Kentucky Medicaid.

Child Renewals Information Packet

Child Renewals Materials – Renew Coverage

Child Renewals Materials - Sign Up on kynect

Child Renewals Materials - Get Help

Child Renewals Materials - Alternative Options

KHCIP Enrollment

Get Ready to Renew!

Find Your Local DCBS Office!

kynectors Can Help!

How Do I Apply for Medicaid?

kynect Qualified Health Plan (QHP)

Medicaid Monthly Virtual Forums

To help support Medicaid partners, DMS holds virtual Medicaid forums. These monthly meetings to provide information about Medicaid renewals and other program updates. You can find the materials from those sessions here:

October Virtual Forum Recording





State Based Marketplace Updates

Enhanced Tax Credits

- KHBE emphasizing the value of obtaining, using, and keeping health insurance even if/when monthly contribution toward premiums rise.
- Outbound calls being made to each person who is facing 100 dollars per month or more increase to help find an agent and discuss options.
- Contingency Plans have been discussed to prepare for a possible late extension of the tax subsidies in December.

Plan Year 2026

- Reminder that **Open Enrollment** with be **November 1, 2025 through January 15, 2026** with no changes to passive renewals/auto re-enrollment.
- It is important to emphasize that other alternatives to a Qualified Health Plan may have a lower monthly premium but also may not cover pre-existing or other conditions. Some alternatives being advertised may not be health insurance at all—working with Department of Insurance, Kynectors, agents, and advocates to find ways to educate enrollees.



House Resolution 1 (119th Congress) Rural Health Transformation Plan

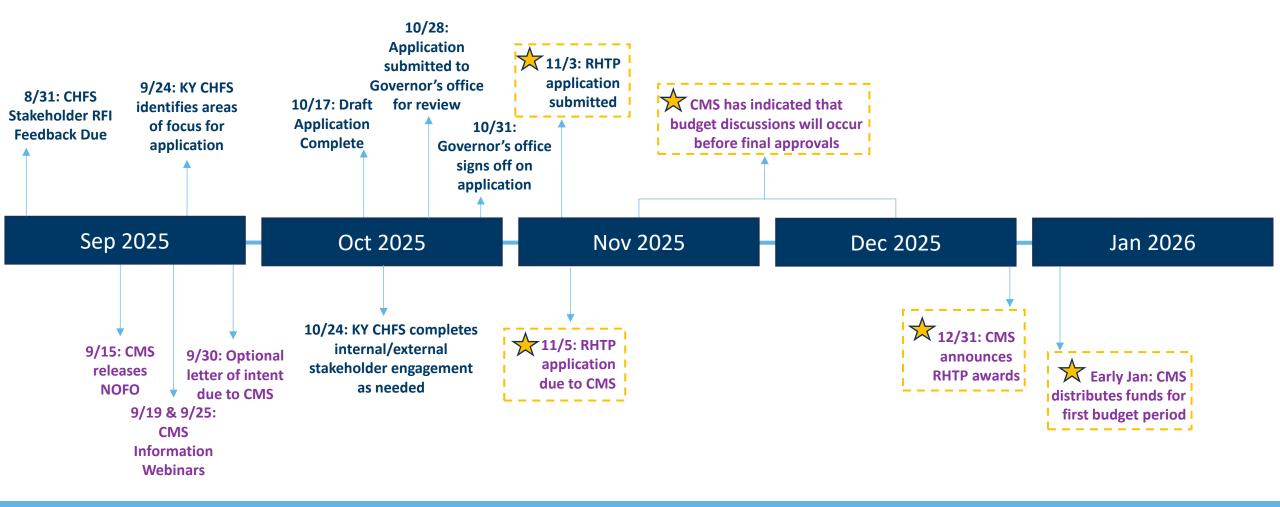


KY RHTP Proposed Initiatives

	Five Initiatives	Strategic Goal	Use of Funds
1	Rural Community Hubs for Chronic Care Innovation Reduce obesity and diabetes rate through evidence-based, community-led strategies focused on upstream prevention	Make Rural America Healthy Again, Tech Innovation	A, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, K
2	Powering Maternal and Infant Health: Community-based Teams Increase timely perinatal care in maternity care deserts through coordinated, telehealth-enabled teams	Sustainable Access	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K
3	Rapid Response to Recovery: EmPATH Model, Mobile Crisis and Telehealth Expand integrated, technology-enabled crisis care from community response to long-term support	Innovative Care	D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K
4	Rooted in Health: Rural Dental Access Program Improve rural access to preventive dental care and treatment through expanded training and mobile portable services	Workforce Development	A, B, D, E, F, G, I, J, K
5	From Crisis to Care: Integrated EMS and Trauma Response Strengthen capabilities and capacity for pre-hospital care and in-place interventions	Sustainable Access	A, B, D, E, F, G, K



RHTP Current Status and Next Steps





1915(i) RISE Initiative



~1915(i) RISE Initiative~

New Medicaid benefit under Kentucky's 1915(i) State Plan

Designed for Medicaid-eligible adults (18+) with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), with or without a co-occurring Substance Use Disorder Brings 10 essential Home and Community-Based Support (HCBS) services into communities



1915(i) RISE Initiative Recent Developments

- 5 certified providers, with 70+ more currently somewhere in the application/review process.
- Nearly 200 potential providers have registered for our "Office Hours" series on Mondays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (ET). A quick Zoom registration allows you to attend any or all future meetings.
- General inquiries: <u>1915iRISEInitiative@ky.gov</u>
- Provider inquiries: 1915iRISEProvider@ky.gov





Reentry Status Update



Reentry 1115 Program

Eligibility	Settings	Services		
All adults and youth who would be eligible for Medicaid if not for their incarceration.	 Department of Corrections (DOC) State Prisons. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Youth Development Centers (YDCs). 	 Case management 60 days prior to release and 12 months post-release. Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) with counseling for individuals diagnosed with a substance use disorder (SUD) 60 days prior to release. 30-day supply of all clinically-required prescription medication and, if applicable, an order for durable medical equipment (DME) immediately upon release. 		

Program Updates:

- The Reentry Implementation Plan is pending with CMS.
- The Project Team is actively working to ensure system alignment across all platforms.
- DMS continue to collaborate with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and Justice Partner regarding contracting and credentialing.
- Provider training and readiness will continue through 2025 into early 2026.



Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Section 5121

Eligibility	Settings	Services
 Youth who are Medical eligible at incarceration found Medicaid eligible during placement. Under 21 or Former Former FC, age 18-26. 	n or PJJ YDCs.	 Screening and diagnostic services, including medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health screenings or diagnostic services 30-days prior to release. Targeted Case Management (TCM) 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days after release.

Program Updates:

- The Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) SPA is currently in progress.
- The CAA Grant has been awarded, with funds pending.



1915(c) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver



What is the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver?

Community Health for Improved Lives and Development

- The CHILD Waiver is a new Kentucky Medicaid program designed to help Kentucky children and youth with significant behavioral health or developmental challenges get the services they need, while staying at home, in school, and in their communities.
- Anticipated January 2026.

Serving Children & Youth with Most Complex Needs

- Focused for children and youth stepping out of acute inpatient care or at risk of out-of-home placement due requiring intensive behavioral health and residential supports.
- CHILD waiver includes clinical therapeutic services designed to foster a step-down approach, coming from the highest level of care to return to home and the community.



Who does the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver Help?

Children and Youth

- Under age 21,
- With significant behavioral health or developmental needs.
- Kentucky children and youth who:
 - Need a level of care like what would be provided in an inpatient facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID), or hospital.
 - Can be safely supported at home or in the community with the right services.



Who does the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver Help?

Enrollment is targeted to those who have exhausted supports and services enabling them to remain in the community and:

- Are or at risk of being unhoused
- Have a history of at least two different foster care placements
- Have at least five contacts with law enforcement
- Is discharging from an institution in the next 45 calendar days



Covered Services

KY 1915(c) CHILD Waiver Services At-a-Glance

	Case Management	Community Living Supports	Environmental and Minor Home Modifications	Planned Respite for Caregivers	Supervised Residential Care	Clinical Therapeutic Services (Step-Down and After Care Support)
Description	Case management activities include assisting participants in gaining access to waiver services and other needed services through the Medicaid State Plan and other non-Medicaid funded community-based programs to support the participant's home and community-based needs.	Community Living Supports are intended to provide direct one-on-one assistance (including handson assistance, reminders, cueing, observation, and training) while facilitating independence and promoting integration into the community.	Environmental and Minor Home Modifications are any necessary adaptations to a private or family residence required to ensure the child or youth's health, welfare, and safety.	Respite services are provided on a short-term basis due to the absence of or need for relief of the primary caregiver.	Supervised Residential Care is targeted to children and youth who require 24-hour intense residential services, and the supports provided in a Supervised Residential Care setting are individually tailored to assist with the acquisition, retention, or improvement in skills related to living in the community.	Clinical Therapeutic Services is approved, based on assessed needs, to support children, youth, and their families in understanding, mitigating, and providing long term solutions for behavior challenges. This service is designed to provide family crisis prevention and stabilization supports to the waiver enrolled child or youth, primary caregiver, family (including foster care families).



Current Updates

- DMS received CMS approval for the CHILD waiver on November 6, 2025
- Provider outreach, enrollment and training is underway!
- Provider Information Session at 10am on November 21
 - Nov. 21, 2025 10am EST ZOOM Registration
- In-person new provider orientation is being held in Frankfort on December 16th

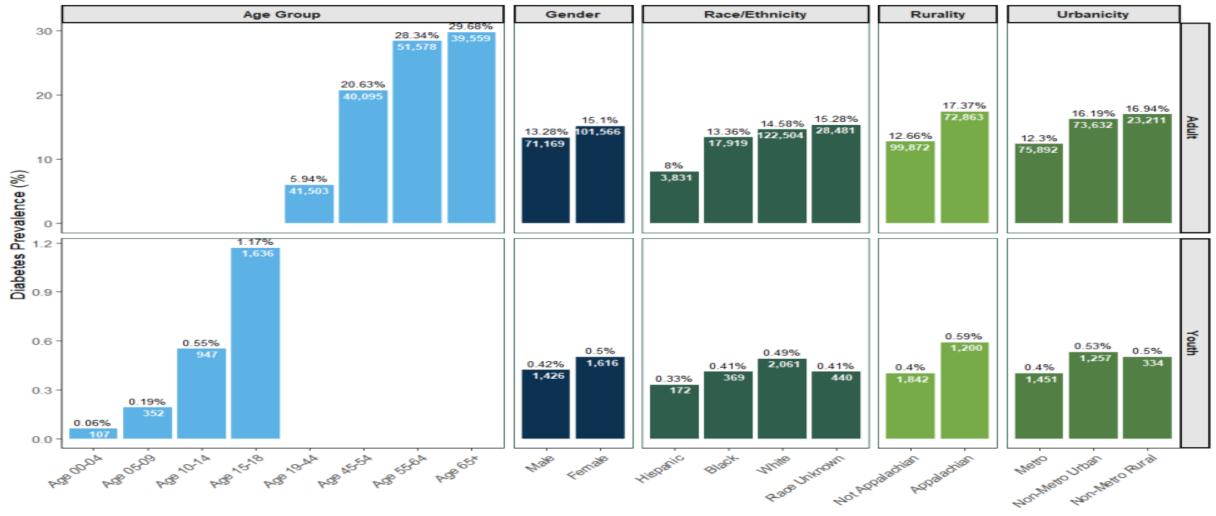


National Diabetes Awareness Month



Diabetes in Kentucky 2023 Data

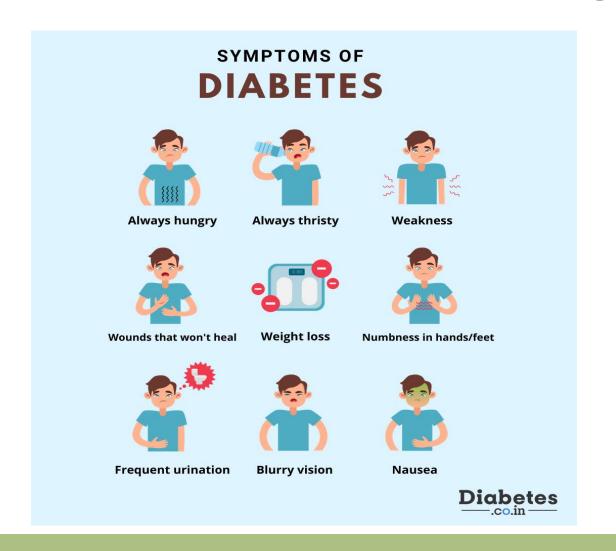
Medicaid diabetes prevalence by factor and age group

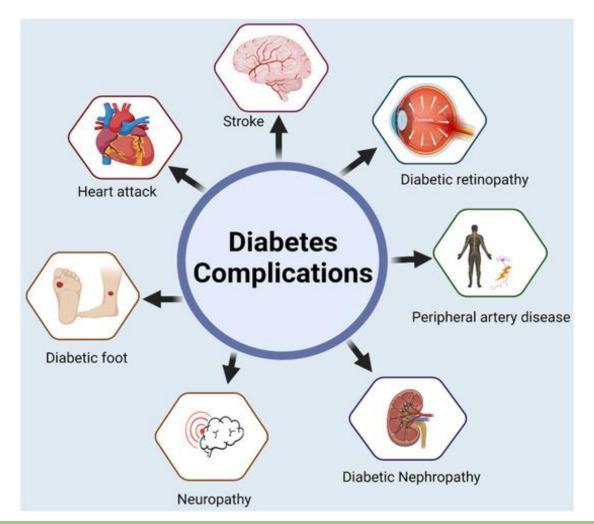


2025 Diabetes Report: www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dpqi/cdpb/dpcp/2025%20Diabetes%20Report.pdf



Know the Signs & Impacts







Medicaid Covered Services & Tools

Medicaid Members have access to:

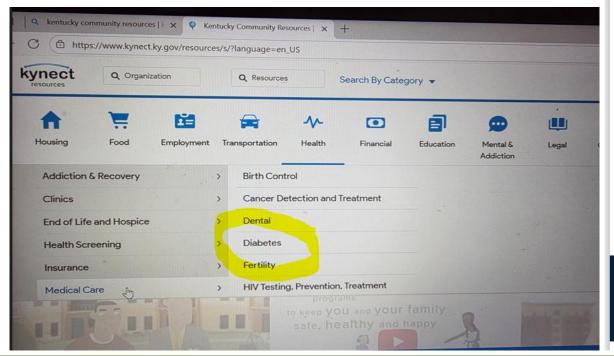
- Providers
- Support in Management of Diabetes with Education Services
- Medical Nutritional Therapy
- •Diabetes Management Tools such as Blood Pressure Cuffs, Blood Glucose Monitors,
- Continuous Glucose Monitors, & Artificial Insulin Delivery Devices
- Mental Health Support
- Managed Care Organization (MCO) Care Navigation & Programs
- •MCO Value Added Benefits- including rewards for healthy activities & other support



Resources

Kynect resources website

- Effective September 2025 Diabetes is a searchable sub-category in kynect.
- Makes it easier to locate resources across the state.



Department for Public Health Programs:

 All Health Departments Diabetes programs are listed in kynect.





Learn more about Diabetes

- Sign up for the Cabinet's Gov Delivery System Notifications:
 - •Select channels of interest to receive information and indicate if you are a provider or member.
 - •Channels included Medicaid Renewals, Diabetes, Public Health and Dept for Community-Based Services.
 - Diabetes channel will send the Medicaid's Diabetes Campaign Messages.
- •KY Medicaid Diabetes Resource webpages available for Members and Providers:
 - •Member Page: www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dpqo/Pages/MedicaidDiabetes.aspx
 - Provider Page:

www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dpqo/Pages/Provider-Information.aspx

*Additional Resources under development include a KY Medicaid Diabetes Member and Provider Information Guides



Department for Public Health Spotlight: Kentucky Immunizations



Spotlight on Kentucky Immunizations

Kathleen Winter, PhD, MPH

November 20, 2025







- Oversee the federal Vaccines for Children Program and 317 Adult Immunization Program.
 - Approximately half of Kentucky children receive vaccines through VFC
 - Nearly 500 health care clinics in Kentucky are enrolled in VFC

Oversee and maintain the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR).

To access a copy of your immunization records from the KYIR Public Portal scan the QR code provided or visit:

chfs.ky.gov/KDPHMyVaxRecord



If you are unable to access your immunization records through the KYIR Public Portal please contact the KYIR Helpdesk at:

- Provide recommendations and technical assistance regarding immunizations for health care providers.
- Provide outreach and education regarding vaccines and the diseases they prevent.

https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/pages/iom.aspx

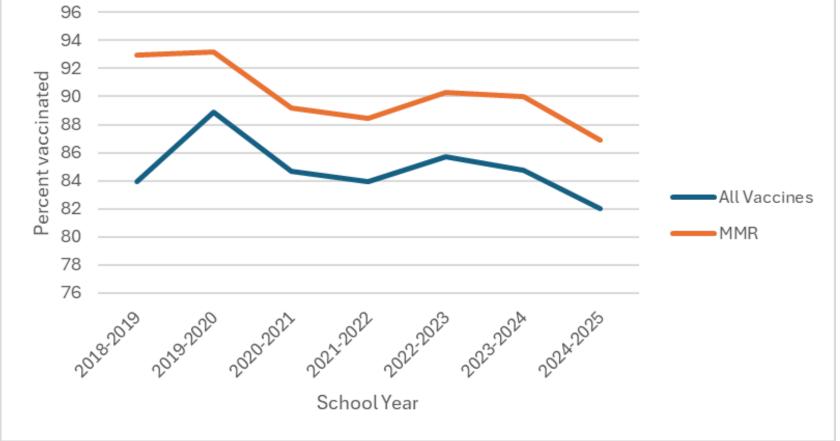


Parent/Guardian's Religious Declination (ENG)

- Conduct school **immunization survey** to track vaccine uptake among Kentucky school children.
 - Kindergarten
 - 7th Grade

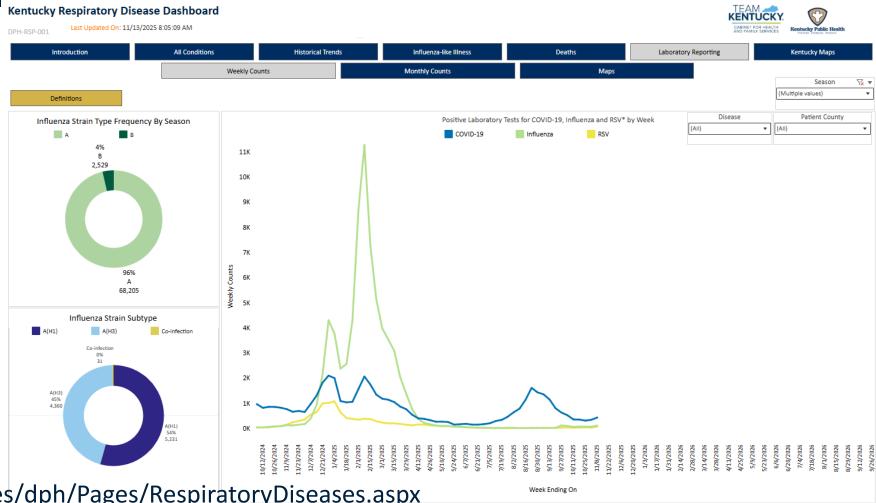
• 11th Grade School Year

www.healthtracking.ky.gov



Kindergarten Vaccination Uptake - Kentucky

Lead surveillance and disease control activities for vaccine-preventable diseases.



https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Pages/RespiratoryDiseases.aspx

Why it matters

- Measles: More cases in the U.S. (& KY) this year than in several decades. USA likely to lose "measles elimination" status.
- Whooping cough: more cases in KY this year than in 13 years. Three Kentucky infants have died of whooping cough in the past year.
- Influenza: >16K ED visits and hospitalization among KY children for influenza. Eight KY children died of flu last season.
- ♥ **COVID-19:** >5,000 ED visits and hospitalizations among KY children for COVID-19. One KY child died of COVID-19.
- W Haemophilus influenzae, type b (HIB): two cases in KY children this year.

Thank you!

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Our Health Kentucky Home Spotlight: Community Health Workers



Our HEALTHY MENTUCKY Home

A journey of simple and positive steps to shift behaviors and engage Kentuckians on a path to health and wellness.



Year 2

We will continue to promote simple, healthy lifestyle changes with a special focus on helpful health and wellness programs available to all Kentuckians throughout the commonwealth



2024 KENTUCKY DATA



ADULTS WITH OBESITY

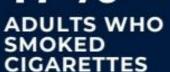


21%

ADULTS NOT ENGAGED IN EXERCISE



17% =





CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS:

29% ADULTS WITH

16% ADULTS WITH

18% ADULTS WITH HEART DISEAS

Health in Kentucky

Health isn't just found in clinics or hospitals

It's built where we live, work, worship, play and grow

At the heart of that work are hundreds of public health programs and resources designed to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities they serve





Community Health Workers... bridging the gap between clinic and community.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT:

OurHealthyKYHome.ky.gov



Our **HEALTHY KENTUCKY** Home



Community Health Workers

• Community health workers (CHWs) are a crucial link between health and social services.

 They are not medical providers, but they work with medical practitioners in clinics, hospitals and offices.

 CHWs undergo 40 hours of formal training in 8 core competencies and 40 hours of mentorship prior to certification.

 We have 656 certified CHWs in Kentucky in 117 of our 120 counties





CHWs Improve Health Outcomes



Educating members on prevention and self care



Coordinating appointment and transportation



Connecting members to available care and services



Training on managing health care issues



Clinicians Allowed to Order Services

Physician

Physician assistant

Nurse practitioner

Certified Nurse Midwife

Dentist

Optometrist



Documentation

There is no requirement the provider must see the patient first. However, the patient's file should clearly document the need for the service.



CHW Certification Clinician Order

Activity Notes

Care Plan



Services must be delivered according to a plan of care

Services may include

- Health system navigation
- Health promotion and coaching
- Preventative health training and assistance
- Health education and training



Paid to Date

Over \$217,347 has been paid to providers in 2025





Community Health Workers



MCOs will reimburse for CHWs and may hire their own CHWs



Fee-for-Service Medicaid will reimburse for CHWs



Community Health Workers

• Community based organizations are not currently eligible for reimbursement for CHW services

• If a provider receives federal, state, or private grant funding supporting a CHW, the provider cannot also bill Medicaid for services provided by that CHW for a Medicaid member. Provider must maintain records demonstrating no duplication of funding for the CHW and Medicaid reimbursement.







Questions



Open call for topics of interest!

What would you like to hear more about from the Cabinet?

