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**Medicaid Monthly Virtual
Meeting
Aug. 21, 2025**

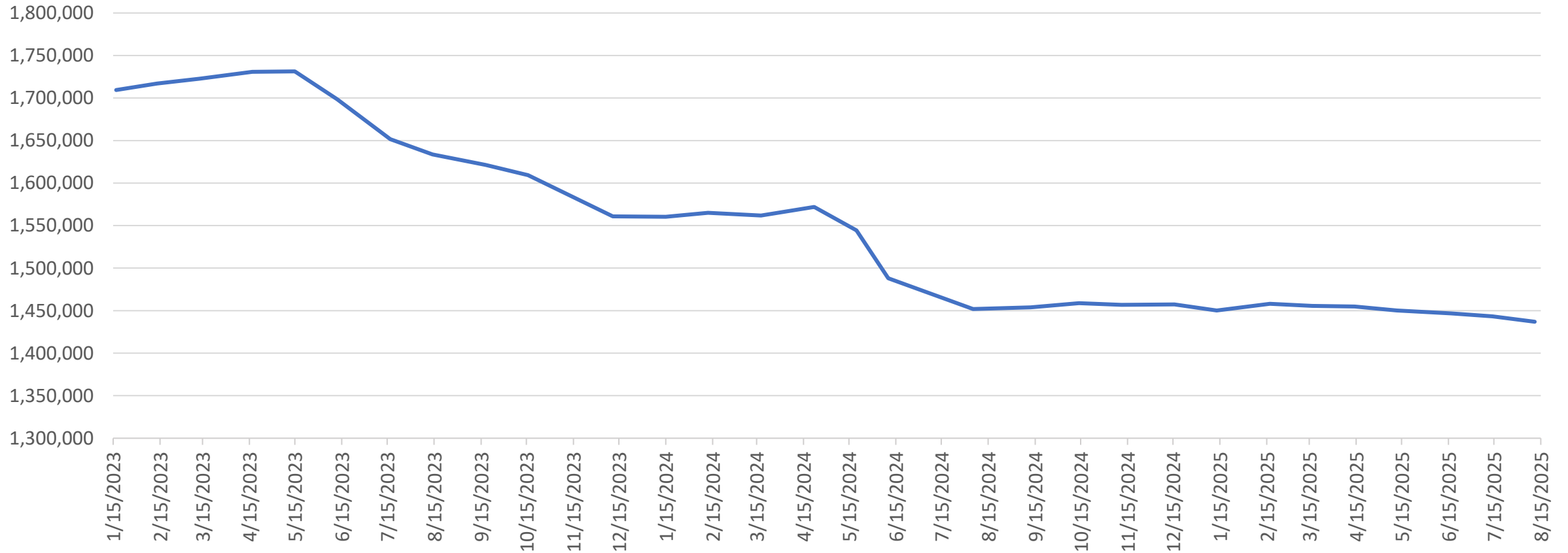
Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
- Medicaid Renewals
- 1915(c) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver
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- Reentry Status Update
- Kentucky Medicaid Self-Measured Blood Pressure Cuffs
- Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight – Smoking/Vaping Prevention & Cessation
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Medicaid Renewals

Medicaid Enrollment Trend

Medicaid Enrollment: Jan 2023 through July 2025 Renewals



KY Medicaid July Renewals*

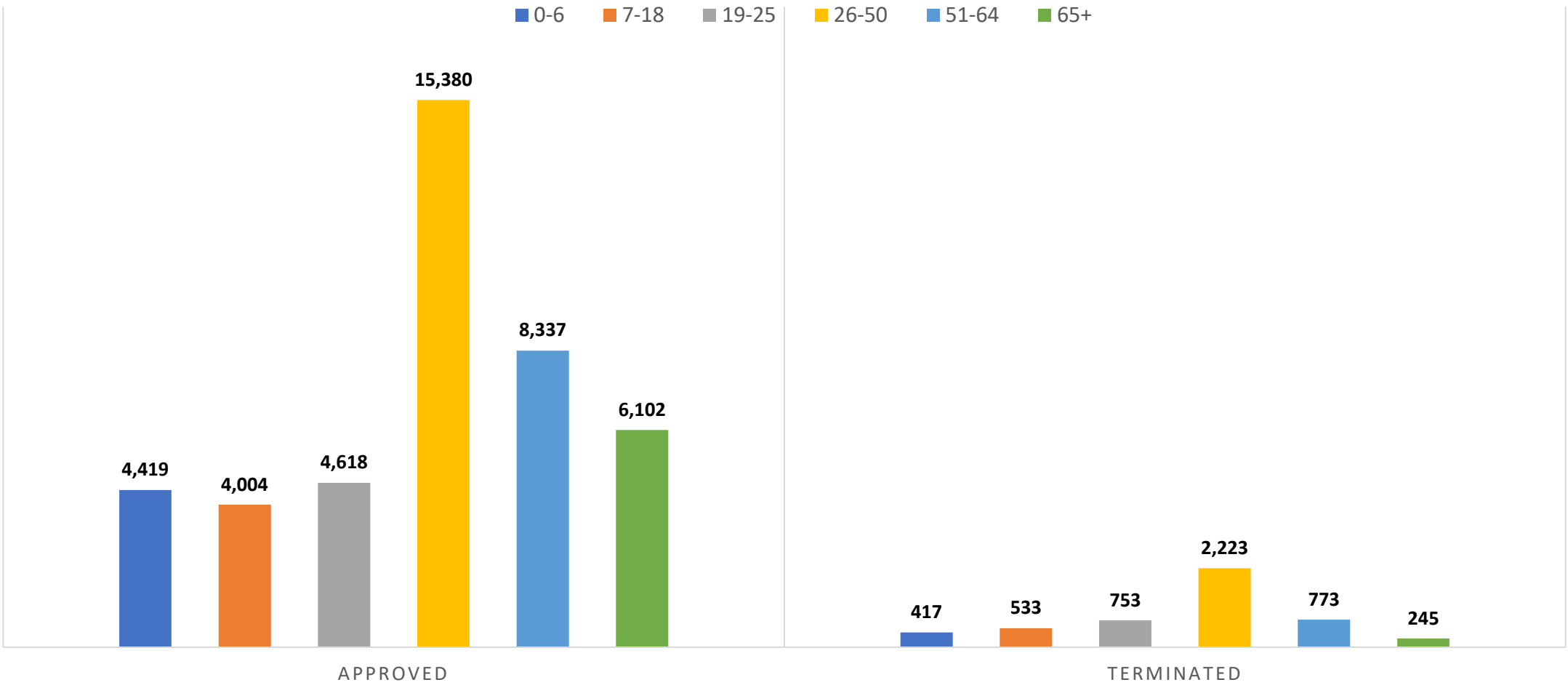
	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending	Extended
July	48,216	42,860	4,944	412	0

First month of renewals without the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency unwinding flexibilities!

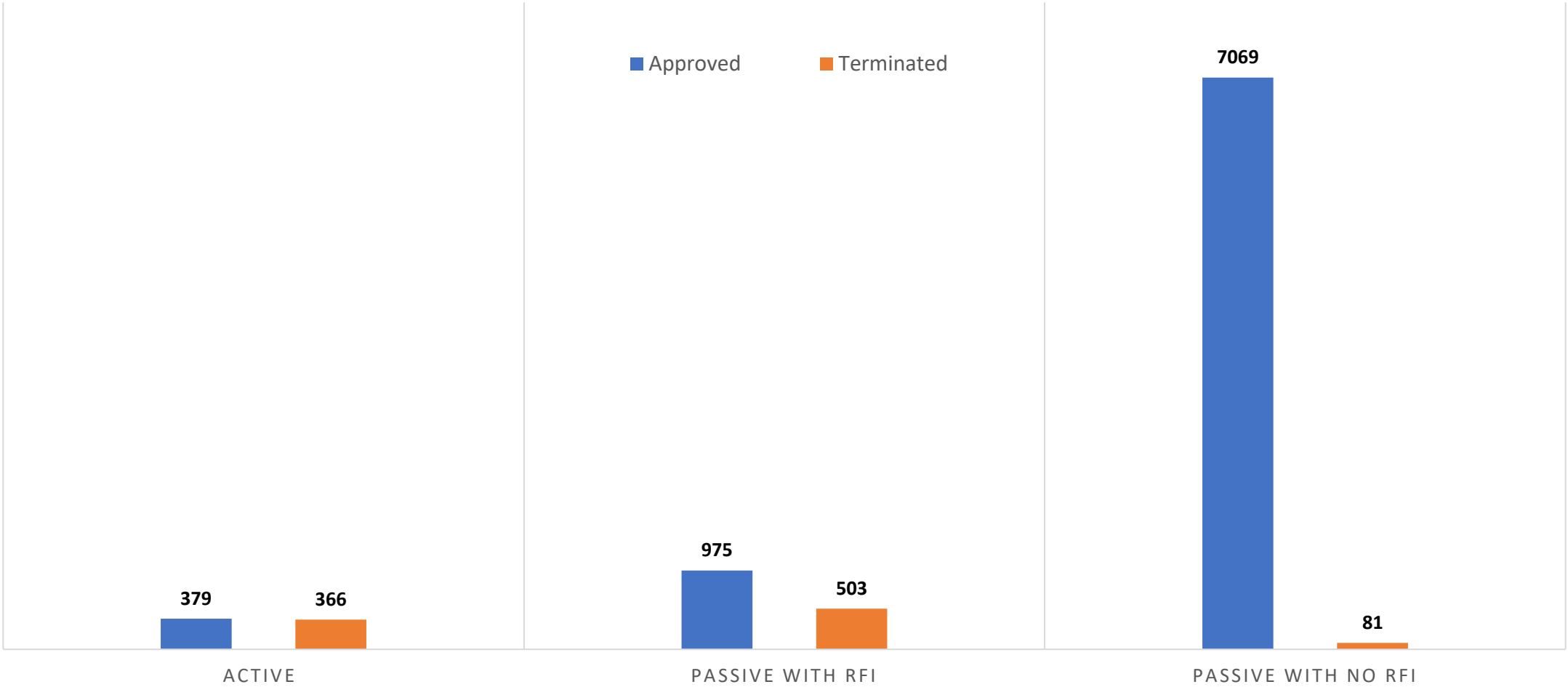
*Numbers are based on CMS Report posted at <https://medicaidrenewals.ky.gov>

July Renewals By Age

For age groups “0 to 6” and “7 to 18” there were 8,423 approvals and 950 terminations.



July 2025 Child Renewals by Type



July 2025 Child Terminations by Reason

Children's July Terminations	
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Failure to Return Form	
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0-6	244
7-18	371
Total	615

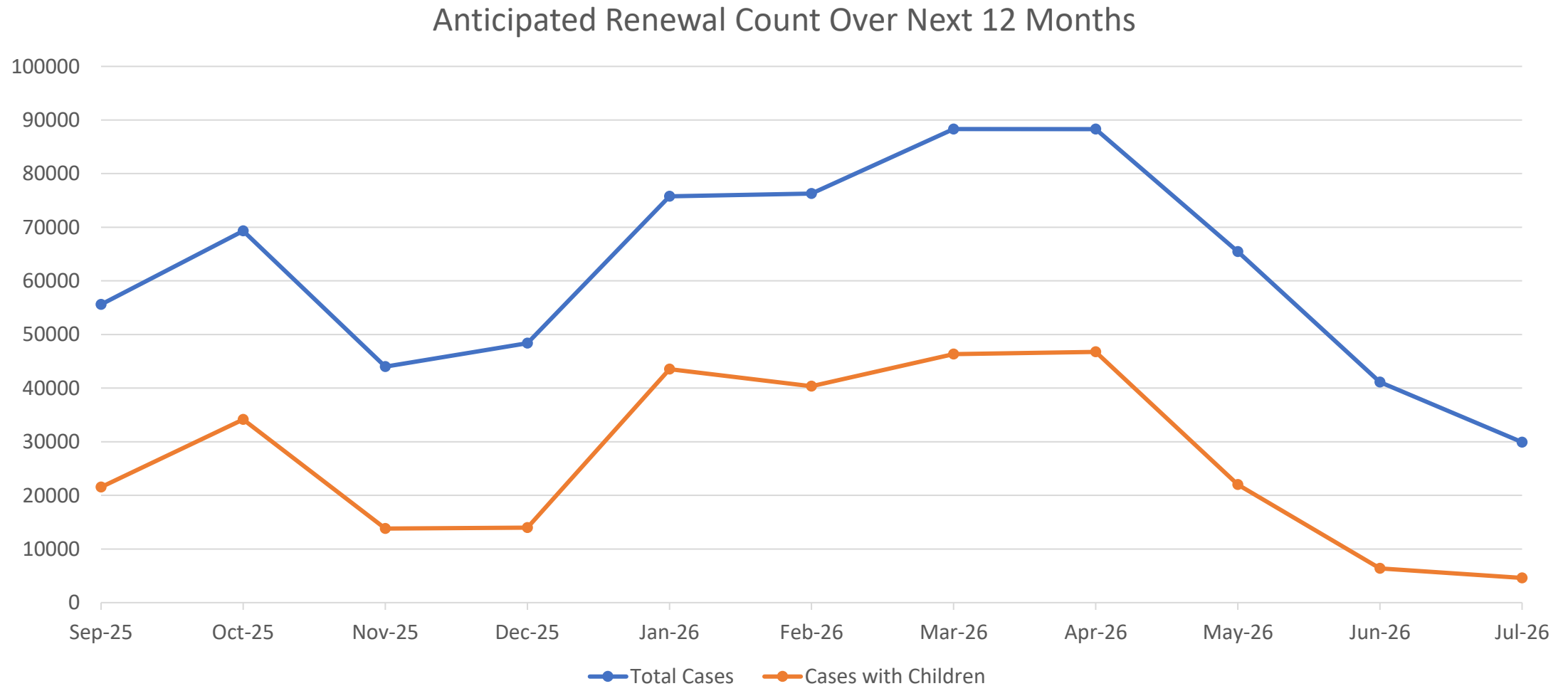
Ineligible for Benefits	
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0-6	74
7-18	123
Total	197

Other Reason "Null, Client Request"	
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0-6	98
7-18	40
Total	138

12-Month Projected Renewal Caseload



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.

Stay Covered,
Stay Connected,
Stay Healthy!

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**.

Outreach Strategies and Support

State Outreach

- Communications are sent by mail, email, phone, and text according to each family's scheduled renewal month.
- Aim to prompt timely responses from families to avoid coverage loss.

Managed Care Organization Outreach

- Welcome letters and handbooks mailed shortly after enrollment.
- Follow-up calls and texts for renewals, gaps in coverage, or missing documents.
- Educational materials and reminders provided throughout the year to support member engagement.

Community-Based Support Channels

Kynectors

- Certified assistants via kynect
- Help families apply, renew, and navigate Medicaid, KCHIP, and other benefits

FRYSCs (Family Resource & Youth Services Centers)

- School-based centers supporting families with non-academic needs
- Assist with Medicaid applications, referrals, and outreach to eligible families

You can get help anytime!

Contact a local health coverage navigator at kynect.ky.gov or call **855-4kynect (855-459-6328)**

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

How to Apply

Materials for Offices

Get help from kynectors

Renewals

HOW DO I APPLY FOR MEDICAID?



Medicaid offers no-cost health coverage for Kentuckians, **including** pregnant women and children.

Connect with us today!



Visit kynect.ky.gov/benefits



Call (855) 306-8959



Visit your local social services office:
kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/find-dcbs-office



Rx Stay Covered!

Are you or your family covered by Medicaid or KCHIP? Your renewal letter could be coming soon!

- Make sure your address is up to date in Kynect!
- Check your mail. We may need to contact you!
- Complete and return requests for information.
- No longer qualify? Shop Kynect for an affordable plan!



QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICAID? kynectors CAN HELP!

kynectors can answer questions about Medicaid and talk to you about your coverage options.

Scan the QR code below or visit kynect.ky.gov to get started today!



Follow us on:



MEDICAID MEMBER? GET READY TO RENEW!

If you hear from us, please respond! Stay in touch. Stay covered.



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



Update any changes to your information (mailing address, phone number, or email) at kynect.ky.gov/benefit.



Respond to any letters you receive about Medicaid. You might hear from us via text, email, or letter. Be sure to respond!



If you need additional help, you can contact a local health coverage navigator at kynect.ky.gov/benefits.



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

Renewing Your Child's Health Coverage

Renewing your child's Medicaid or KCHIP is easy and essential. Make sure to follow these steps:

- 1 Update important information in kynect. If anything (address, phone number, email, or income) changes, visit kynect.ky.gov or call 855-459-6328.
- 2 If you hear from us, please respond! You will be notified about Medicaid or KCHIP coverage during the annual renewal period via letter, phone call, and/or text message. The letter will tell you whether you need to complete a form or provide information to keep your coverage active. Please return any forms as promptly as possible.
- 3 Get help any time! Kentucky has many resources available to help you and your family navigate the Medicaid or KCHIP enrollment and renewal process:

- a. Online: kynect.ky.gov
- b. By phone: 855-4kynect (855-459-6328)
- c. Local kynectors: kynect.ky.gov, "Get Local Help"



Follow us: 

No longer eligible for Medicaid or KCHIP?

kynect has options.

There are other options available if a child is no longer eligible for Medicaid or Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP). Go to kynect.ky.gov/benefits to learn about what is available for your family!

For any questions, or if you need assistance with understanding your options, you can reach out to a kynector at any time at no cost. To speak with a kynector, call 855-459-6238.



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DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

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Kentucky has many resources available to help you or your family navigate the enrollment and renewal process for Medicaid or KCHIP coverage:

- Online: kynect.ky.gov
- By phone: 855-4kynect (855-459-6328)
- Local kynectors or offices: kynect.ky.gov, "Get Local Help"



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DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HEALTH COVERAGE?

Let's kynect!

Explore health coverage options for children, including Medicaid and the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP), online.

Scan the QR code, visit kynect.ky.gov/benefits, or call 855-459-6238



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Medicaid Member Toolkit Available on the DMS Member Website!

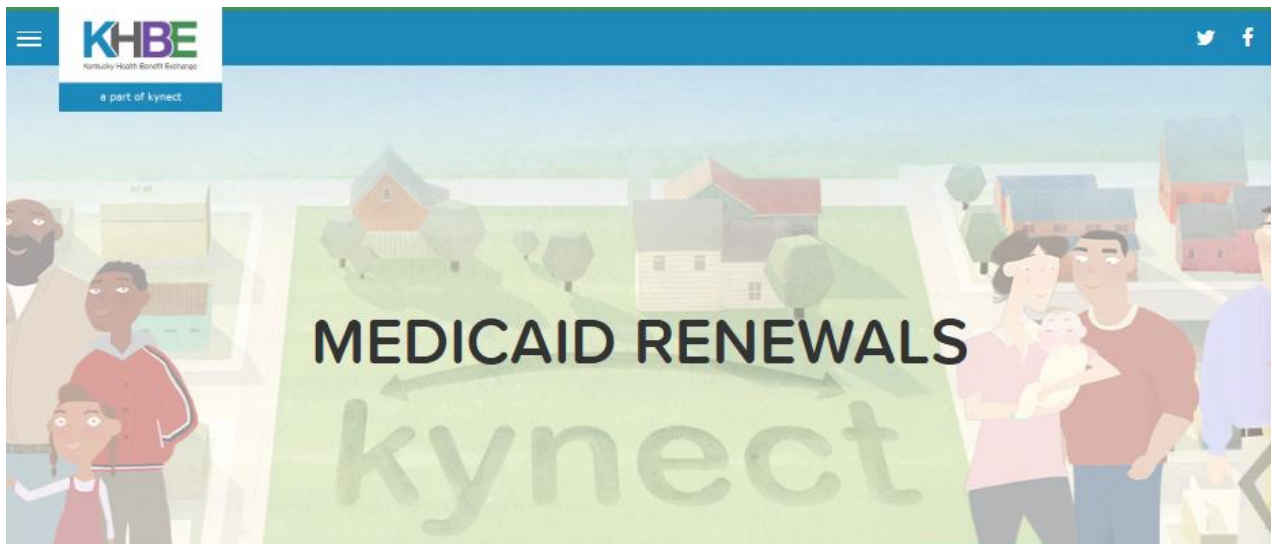
Available here

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/default.aspx>



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 - March 2025 Reporting Period - Updated](#)

- [March Data Demographic Report](#)

[Kentucky Monthly Data Report - July 2025 Reporting Period](#)

- [July 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:

July Virtual Forum Recording



[July Presentation Slides](#)

State Based Marketplace Updates

H.R.1

- Outreach to immigrants who are not eligible for Medicaid based on immigration status and have income below 100% Federal Poverty Level who will no longer be eligible for APTC tax credits.

Enhanced Tax Credits

- New educational tab and fact sheet on the KHBE website.
- Renewed push to emphasize the value of obtaining, using, and keeping health insurance even if/when monthly contribution toward premiums rise.

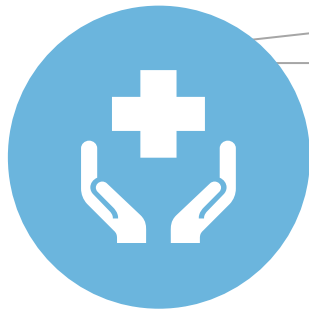
Plan Year 2026

- Reminder that Open Enrollment will be November 1, 2025 through January 15, 2026 with no changes to passive renewals/auto re-enrollment.
 - Plan certification activities have begun, and we will know more about rates and specific plans as the month progresses.
 - There will be many more plans that are HSA compatible.
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1915(c) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver

Families First

A comprehensive, multi-year initiative aimed at enhancing the existing system of care for all Kentucky children and youth.



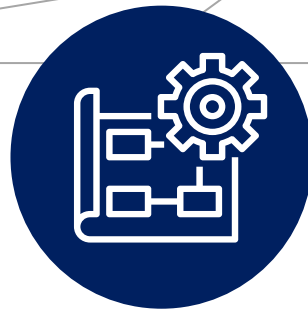
SHINE KY

Enhancing access to and delivery of school-based services for Medicaid and CHIP-eligible and enrolled students.



KY CARES

Services to support community reentry and improve care transitions for justice-involved youth.



CHI Mapping Tool

Tracking and reporting of children's health initiatives.



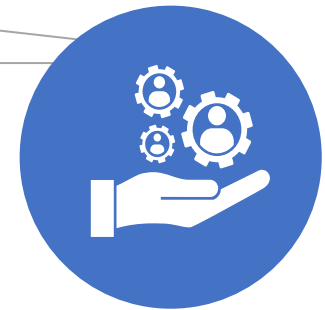
Funding Modernization

Restructuring of Medicaid payment for medically necessary treatment services.



High Needs Service Delivery

The 1915c CHILD Waiver is designed to meet the child-centric care, support services, housing, custody and placement, and other health-related social needs.



Children's State Plan Amendment

Plan for a SPA to locate appropriate resources and housing for children and youth in need of placement and services.

What is the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver?

Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD)

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 psychiatric 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 in order to return to home and the community.

Who the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver Helps?

- **Children and Youth**

- Under age 21
- With significant behavioral health or developmental needs
- Kentucky children and youth who:
 - Need a level of care similar to what would be provided in a psychiatric 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

Status and Next Steps

- KY Public Comment period has been completed.
- Responses to comments were compiled, reviewed, and approved.
- Submission to CMS occurred 8.20.25.
- Responses to comments have been posted to our website.
- Draft regulations have been completed for internal review.
 - 907 KAR 2.720 – Program Policy
 - 907 KAR 2.725 – Reimbursement Provisions and Requirements
 - CHFS continues to develop systems and procedures for operations and implementation.

1915(i) RISE

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- 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community Based Program
 - Eligibility: 18 years old or older.
 - Primary Diagnosis of Serious Mental Illness.
 - Active Medicaid at 150% federal poverty level or below.
 - Require a minimum of two functional domain needs
- 10 services in the benefit.
 1. Assistive Technology
 2. Case Management
 3. Housing and Tenancy Supports
 4. In-Home Independent Living Supports
 5. Medication Management
 6. Planned Respite for Caregivers
 7. Supervised Residential Care
 8. Supported Education
 9. Supported Employment
 10. Transportation

1915(i) Update

- Provider Go-Live 7/1/25
- 1915(i) Webinar 7/22/25
- Hosting “Office Hours” for provider questions on certification and onboarding. Monday’s and Wednesday’s at 3pm. Check <https://dbhdid.ky.gov/1915iriseinitiative> for more information soon.
- Provider email – 1915iriseprovider@ky.gov
- General email – 1915iriseinitiative@ky.gov

Reentry Status Update

1115 Reentry Program

Eligibility	Settings	Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none">All adults and youth who would be eligible for Medicaid if not for their incarceration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Corrections (DOC) State Prisons.Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Youth Development Centers (YDCs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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:

- Monitoring protocols have been approved.
- Systems deployment for the future state is currently in progress.
- The DOC and DJJ have been successfully enrolled with Medicaid under Provider Type 53 - Reentry Organization. The next steps include contracting with managed care organizations (MCOs).
- Program design for the delivery of pre-release services is ongoing, including work group discussions with the DOC, DJJ, the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), and MCO partners.

Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Section 5121

Eligibility	Settings	Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Youth who are Medicaid eligible at incarceration or found Medicaid eligible during placement.Under 21 or Former Foster Care FFC, age 18-26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DOC State Prisons.DJJ YDCs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 State Plan Amendment (SPA) has been approved for CAA Targeted Case Management (TCM), and for Screening and Diagnostic Services.
- The Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) SPA is currently in progress.
- The CAA Grant has been awarded, with the state kick-off call scheduled for August.

Kentucky Medicaid Self-Measured Blood Pressure Cuffs

Kentucky Medicaid Provider



- For Kentucky Medicaid members the first step in obtaining a blood pressure cuff is seeing a Kentucky Medicaid Provider
- A Medicaid enrolled clinician will determine medical necessity for a blood pressure cuff.
- The following clinicians may sign an order for a blood pressure cuff or monitor:
 - Physician
 - Physician Assistant
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Clinician Orders



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- Members admitted in a hospital setting will have order filled by the hospital and education on usage done by hospital.
- All other orders are sent to a Medical Supplies, Equipment, and Appliances (MSEA) provider.

Medical Supplies, Equipment, and Appliances (MSEA) Provider

- Clinician's orders are sent or taken to a Medical Supplies, Equipment, and Appliances (MSEA) Provider
- Traditional/Fee for Service Medicaid members are referred to an MSEA provider by the clinician or they may find their own at:

<https://medicaidsystems.ky.gov/providerdirectory/pdsearch.aspx>

- Managed Care Members (MCO) are referred to an MSEA provider by the clinician or they may find their own using their MCO service website or phone number.

MSEA Filling Order



- The MSEA provider usually fills the same day if they are in stock.
- The member can pick up monitor and cuff and some MSEA suppliers deliver.
- The MSEA suppliers can also educate the member on how to use the blood pressure monitors.
- Most pharmacies are MSEA providers.

What Devices are Covered

- A4660- SPHYGMOMANOMETER/BLOOD PRESSURE APPARATUS WITH CUFF AND STETHOSCOPE
- A4663- DIALYSIS BLOOD PRESSURE CUFF BLOOD PRESSURE CUFF ONLY
- A4670- AUTOMATIC BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR
- No prior authorizations are required for any blood pressure cuff or monitor.

Blood Pressure Monitoring



- The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services also covers:
- Remote patient monitoring; and
- Patient education

Guides to obtaining and billing blood pressure cuffs

- The Department for Medicaid Services and the Department for Public Health created the following guides for Medicaid members and providers:
 - Kentucky Medicaid Program Coverage Update: Guide to utilizing Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) benefits
 - Kentucky Medicaid SMBP Overview by Managed Care Organization Overview
- These guides can be found at:
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dpo/Pages/default.aspx>

Questions?

For any further questions please email us at:

DivisionofHealthCarePolicy@ky.gov

Thank You!

Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight – Smoking/Vaping Prevention & Cessation

Our Healthy Kentucky Home

- During the month of August, Our Healthy Kentucky Home focuses on preventing and treating tobacco use, including smoking, vaping, using dip and other tobacco products.
- Smoking and secondhand smoke exposure cause over 480,000 deaths in the U.S. each year
- Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body and causes many diseases
- Both smoking and vaping can increase your risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, stroke, and other health problems. By incorporating modest changes into your daily routine, you can begin your journey to a healthier, tobacco-free you

In 2022...



MORE THAN
16
MILLION

Americans had at
least one disease
caused by smoking



MORE THAN
20%

OF KENTUCKY HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS
reported vaping

MORE THAN
17%

OF KENTUCKY ADULTS
reported that they
were current cigarette
smokers

1.



Prevent initiation of tobacco use especially among youth and young adults

2.



Promote cessation and assist tobacco users to quit

3.



Protect people from secondhand smoke



Preventing tobacco product use among youth is critical

Tobacco product use is started and established primarily during adolescence.

Nearly 9 out of 10 adults who smoke cigarettes daily first try smoking by age 18.

In 2024, approximately two in five students who had ever used a tobacco product currently used them.

Flavorings in tobacco products can make them more appealing to youth. In the United States in 2024:

- 88.2% of high school students and 85.7% of middle school students who used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days reported using a flavored e-cigarette during that time.
- 86.1% of high school students and 85.4% of middle school students who used nicotine pouches in the past 30 days reported using flavored pouches during that time

E-Cigarettes: Myth vs Reality

Myth:

E-cigarettes produce a harmless water vapor.

Reality:

E-cigarettes produce an aerosol that has nicotine and toxins known to cause cancer.

These toxic chemicals include things like benzene, lead, and nickel, some of the same products found in tobacco products. The chemical diacetyl, found in many e-cigarette flavors, is linked to serious lung disease.

Myth:

E-cigarettes can help people quit tobacco.

Reality:

E-cigarettes are not approved by the FDA to help people quit tobacco.

In fact, e-cigarette use among youth and young adults is strongly linked to the use of other tobacco products, such as traditional cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco.

E-Cigarettes: Myth vs Reality

Myth:

E-cigarettes are safe.

Reality:

E-cigarettes are not a risk-free product. They contain nicotine and low levels of toxins and chemicals.

E-cigarettes are especially dangerous for teens, whose brains are still developing.

Teens who use e-cigarettes are at risk for nicotine addiction, mood disorders, difficulty paying attention, reduced impulse control, and learning problems.

Myth:

E-cigarettes are not addictive.

Reality:

Nicotine is a highly addictive drug. Nicotine is the main ingredient in most e-cigarette liquids.

Myth:

Big Tobacco doesn't make e-cigarettes.

Reality:

All major tobacco companies now make e-cigarettes. In fact, the maker of Marlboro cigarettes just bought a 35% share in JUUL

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to quit vaping, smoking
or chewing for teens!

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36072
or call 855-891-9989.

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Benefits of Quitting Smoking

After 6 hours	your heart rate slows
After 12 hours	your body is free of nicotine
After 2 days	your sense of taste and smell improves and your breath, clothes and house will smell fresher
After 1 month	your blood pressure improves and your immune system begins to recover
After 2 months	Your circulation improves, you will have more energy and your fingers and toes will stay warmer
After 2 months	your risk of heart attack begins to reduce
After 12 months	your blood pressure returns to normal
After 10 years	you have halved your risk of developing lung cancer compared to someone who continues to smoke
After 15 years	your chance of suffering a heart attack or stroke is the same as that of a non-smoker



2 Servings of Fruits and Veggies a day!

- Carrot sticks
- Berries
- Apples
- Bananas
- Cut broccoli and cauliflower
- Cherry Tomatoes



KICK THE CRAVINGS

Certain foods can help reduce nicotine cravings while others can help people break the habit of smoking cigarettes.

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FIGHT CRAVINGS WITH EXERCISE

- ☒ Decrease cravings
- ☒ Cope with stress
- ☒ Strengthen heart and lungs

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BUILD YOUR *SMOKEFREE TEAM*

Surrounding
yourself with
positive support
can make it easier
to quit.

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QUIT-SMOKING MEDICATIONS

AT NO COST TO YOU

Do you want to quit smoking?
You may qualify to receive quit-
smoking medications and
services at no cost to you.
Talk to your health care
provider today!

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Secondhand Smoke

The effects of secondhand smoke exposure on the body are immediate

Since 1964, about 2,500,000 people who ***did not smoke*** died from health problems caused by secondhand smoke exposure

In adults who do not smoke, secondhand smoke exposure can cause coronary heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, and other diseases. It can also result in premature death

Secondhand smoke can cause adverse reproductive health effects in women, including low birth weight

In children, secondhand smoke exposure can cause respiratory infections, ear infections, and asthma attacks. In babies, secondhand smoke can cause sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)

Secondhand smoke exposure can produce harmful inflammatory and respiratory effects within 60 minutes of exposure which can last for at least three hours after exposure

HEALTHY HABITS

TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH



EAT
Healthy Foods



EXERCISE
Regularly



ENGAGE
With Others

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- OurHealthyKyHome.ky.gov
- www.quitnowkentucky.org
- www.mylifemyquit.com
- Smokefree.gov
- [Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program - Cabinet for Health and Family Services](#)



House Resolution 1 (119th Congress)

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- On July 4, 2025, House Resolution (H.R.) 1 – One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) – was signed into law.
- The final version of H.R.1 maintained key Medicaid provisions from earlier versions of the bill while introducing new elements such as a Rural Health Transformation Program and new 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services authority.
- There are also changes to several key policies, including revised provider tax restrictions, updates to work requirements, and changes to state-directed payment limits



H.R.1 Key Eligibility Changes

Limits retro-active coverage from three months to one month for Medicaid Expansion members and two months for traditional Medicaid members starting January 1, 2027

Limits eligibility to certain immigrants who are lawfully present effective October 1, 2026

Requires Medicaid Expansion members to have their eligibility reviewed every 6 months beginning January 1, 2027

Requires Medicaid Expansion members aged 19-64 be subject to work requirements beginning December 31, 2026 – exempts disabled and elderly

Requires cost-sharing for Medicaid Expansion members beginning October 1, 2028 for individuals with income between 100-138% of FPL (excludes primary care, mental health, substance use disorder services, family planning, hospital ER, long-term care, and services provided by CCBHCs, FQHCs and RHCs)

H.R.1 Provider Reimbursement Changes

Provider Tax – imposes new ceilings on the “hold harmless” threshold in Medicaid Expansion states and prohibits new provider taxes on previously untaxed provider classes

Hold harmless – relationship between a provider tax and Medicaid payments to the provider is referred to as a “hold harmless” or safe harbor

Safe harbor levels will decrease on an annual basis from 6 percent to 3.5% between fiscal years 2028 and 2034 and sets threshold at 0 for any new provider taxes



*State Directed Payments – capped at 100% of Medicare payment for expansion states and 110% of Medicare payment for non-expansion states

Beginning in 2028, states with payments exceeding the cap must reduce payments by 10 percentage points annually until they comply with the cap

*Excludes nursing facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

H.R.1 Other Key Changes

Beginning in FY2026, \$50 billion in funding over 5 years available to states through the Rural Health Transformation Program

Authorizes a new stand-alone three-year waiver for home and community-based services in July 2028 – individuals will not need to meet nursing facility level of care

Quarterly checks of Social Security Administration death master file for enrollees and provider effective January 1, 2028



Questions

Open call for topics of interest!

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

