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**Medicaid Monthly Virtual  
Meeting  
June 18, 2026**

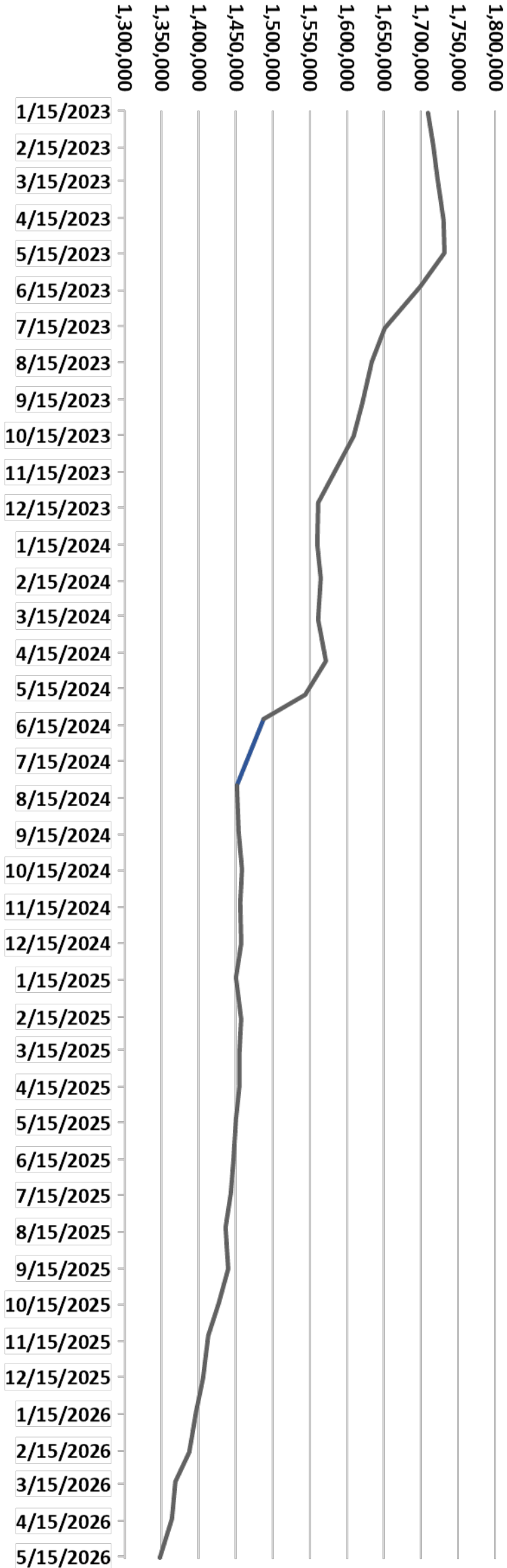
# Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
- Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates
- 1915(i) RISE Initiative Update
- 1915(c) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver Update
- Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight
- House Resolution 1 Update

# Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates

# Medicaid Enrollment Trend

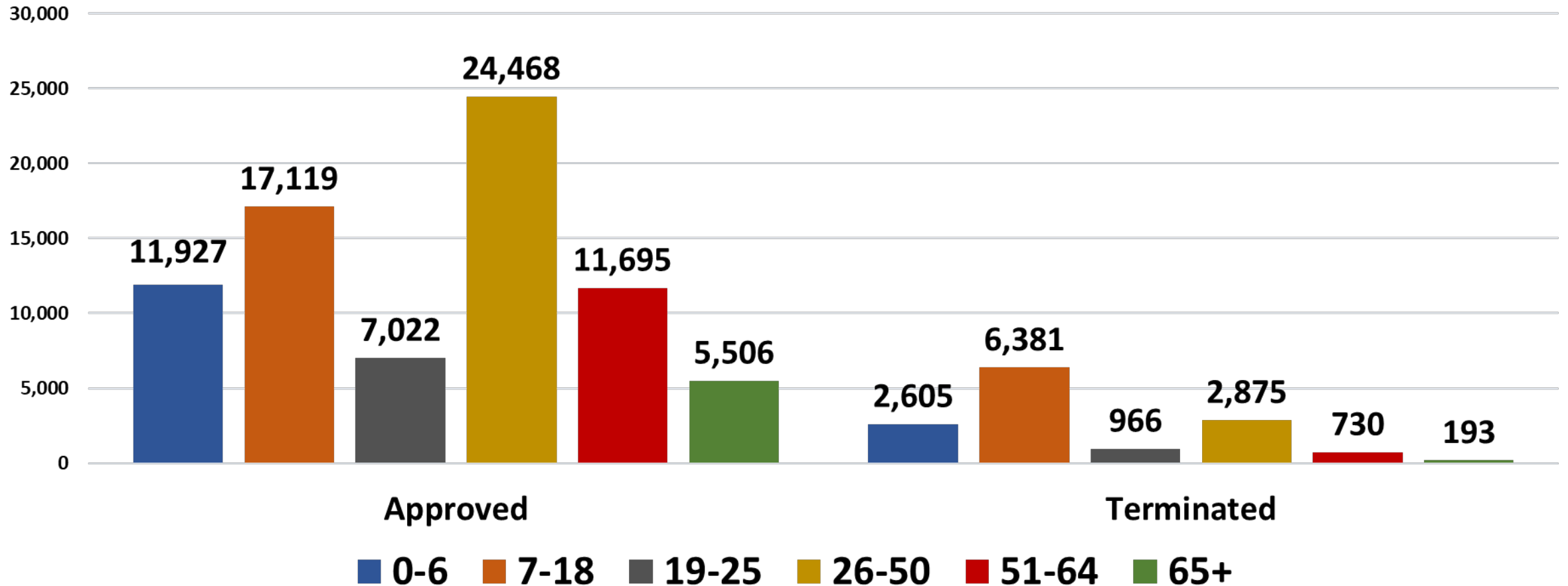
Medicaid Enrollment: January 2023 through April 2026 Renewals



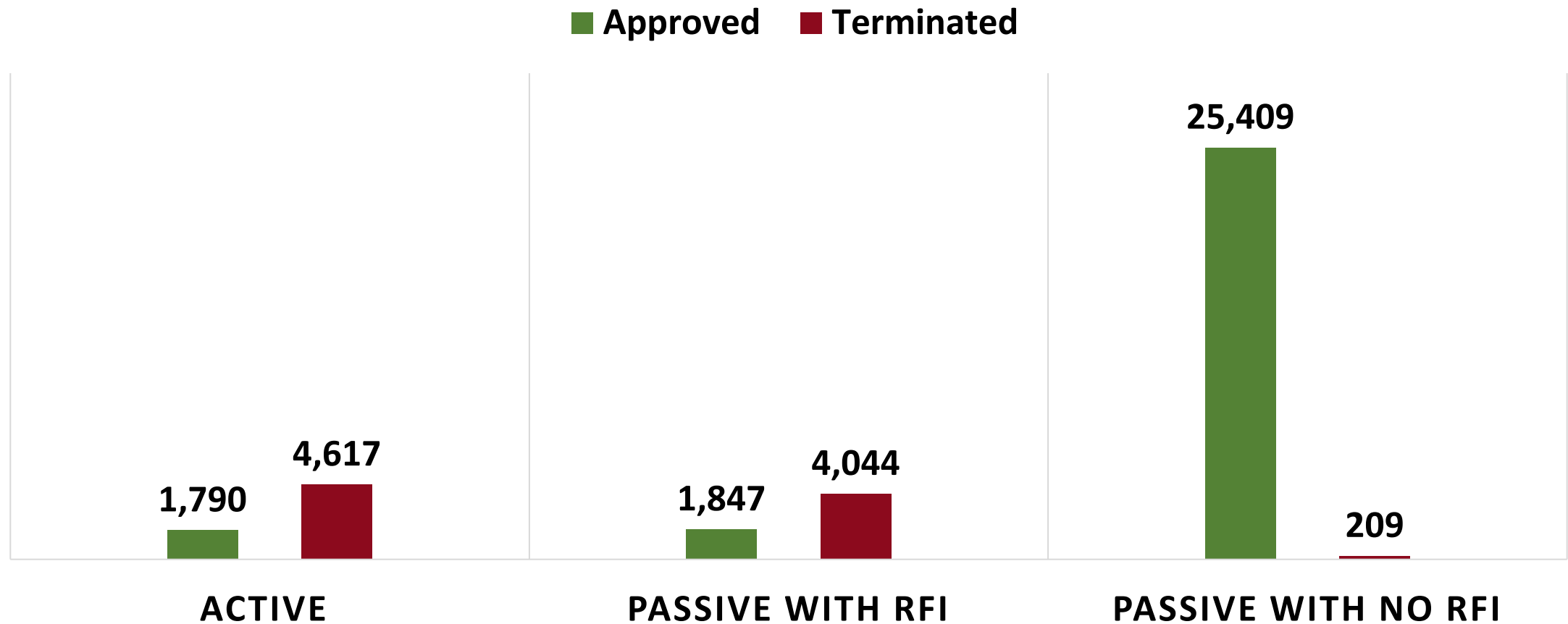
# Medicaid Renewal- May 2026

|     | Individual Renewals | Medicaid Approvals | Medicaid Terminations | Pending |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| May | 91,933              | 77,737             | 13,750                | 446     |

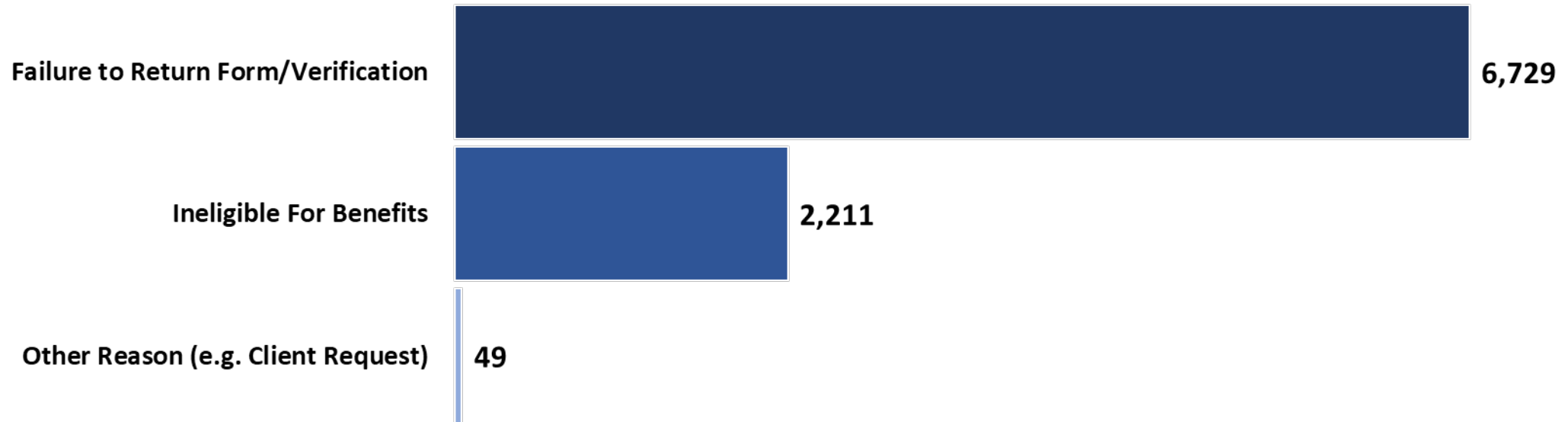
# May 2026 Renewals by Age



# May 2026 Child Renewals



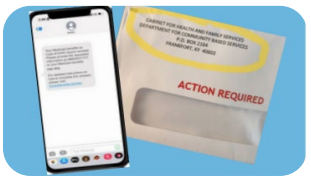
# May 2026 Child Terminations by Reason



# 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](http://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.

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

## How to Apply

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR MEDICAID?** TEAM KENTUCKY. CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

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

**Connect with us today!**

- Visit [kynect.ky.gov/benefits](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits)
- Call (855) 306-8959
- Visit your local social services office: [kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/find-dcb-s-office](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/find-dcb-s-office)



## Materials for Offices

**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!

**SCAN ME**



**FREE HELP!**

(855)-4kynect

[www.kynect.ky.gov/healthcoverage](https://www.kynect.ky.gov/healthcoverage)

**kynect**



## Get help from kynectors

**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](https://kynect.ky.gov) to get started today!



**Follow us on:** 



## Renewals

**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/benefits](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits)
- 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](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits).

**TEAM KENTUCKY.**  
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# Spread the word about Renewals for Children, too! Materials are available to help families stay in the know!

## Renewing Child Coverage

### 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](http://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](http://kynect.ky.gov)
- b. By phone: 855-4kynect (855-459-6328)
- c. Local kynectors: [kynect.ky.gov](http://kynect.ky.gov), "Get Local Help"



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## Health Coverage Options

### 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](http://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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## Get help from Kynectors

### DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

**?**

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



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## Use Kynect

### 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](http://kynect.ky.gov/benefits), or call 859-459-6238



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# Kentucky Medicaid Website Resources



<https://medicaidrenewals.ky.gov>

Monthly Forum Session Information

Kentucky Plans and Reports

FAQs

Medicaid Member Information

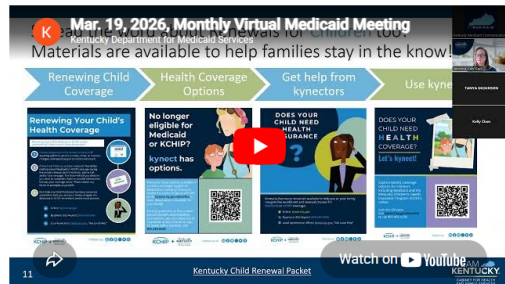
Medicaid Provider Information

Communication Materials

## Medicaid Monthly Virtual Forums

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

## March Virtual Forum Recording



March Presentation Slides

## 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 - November 2025 Reporting Period - Updated Report](#)

- [November Data Demographic Report](#)

[Kentucky Monthly Data Report - February 2026 Reporting Period](#)

- [February 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 \(QHP\)](#)

# State Based Marketplace Updates

## Mid-Year Churn

→ Around 2,000 individuals transferred from a Qualified Health Plan with APTC to Medicaid in April (the Federal Poverty Levels change midyear. This transition will happen automatically because of our integrated system.

**79,496**  
**Enrolled on**  
**Qualified Health**  
**Plan**

→ Tax Season just ended. We printed and sent the required tax forms and made corrections or assisted individuals as needed. Tax Season is always a good time for individuals to double-check the income they had reported during Open Enrollment so that it is accurate. Reminders are sent throughout the year.

→ Plan Year 2027: The issuer landscape is changing. Molina is leaving for next year. Changes for the Fall include the shorter Open Enrollment Period (Nov 1 through Dec 31), changes to immigrant eligibility, and Community Engagement (work, school, or volunteer requirements for Medicaid)



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# 1915(i) RISE Update

# Provider and Participant Metrics

| PROVIDER APPLICATIONS:        |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Downloaded Application        | 144 |
| Packet Submitted              | 34  |
| Provider Certified            | 18  |
| Provider Enrolled in Medicaid | 17  |
| Active Providers              | 15  |
| MWMA Enrolled                 | 17  |

| PARTICIPANT APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE: |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Enrolled                              | 168 |
| Pending/Not Enrolled                  | 4   |

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

# CHILD Provider and Participant Metrics

| Provider Applications               | Number Of |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Applications Received               | 16        |
| Reviews In Progress                 | 2         |
| Requests for Additional Information | 1         |
| Certified Providers                 | 10        |
| Providers Denied                    | 4         |

| Participant Applications                     | Number Of |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Unique Applicants                  | 59        |
| In Review/Request for Additional Information | 30        |
| Number of Participants Awaiting Assessment   | 4         |
| Approved Participants                        | 18        |
| Applicants Denied                            | 7         |

# Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight

# IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH THROUGH SIMPLE STEPS



**EAT**  
Healthy Foods



**EXERCISE**  
Regularly



**ENGAGE**  
With Others

**TO LEARN MORE VISIT:** [OurHealthyKYHome.ky.gov](http://OurHealthyKYHome.ky.gov)

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# HEALTHY HABITS FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

Healthy eating habits, including a variety of nutritious foods and drinks, help support lifelong health and wellness.

**Learn more at:**  
[heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating](https://heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating)

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# See your Doctor Regularly

- Men often don't make time for regular check ups and medical care
- High Blood Pressure leads to heart disease, most of the time it is easily controlled with medication



# YOUR HEALTH YOUR PRIORITY

A visit today can  
protect your  
tomorrow.

Learn more at:  
[bit.ly/men-checkups](https://bit.ly/men-checkups)

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The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that in 2026 alone, approximately 108,860 new cases of CRC will be diagnosed in the US, with about 55,230 deaths. The lifetime risk is sobering: about **1 in 25 men**



# Prostate Cancer

- **Prostate cancer (PC) is the most common cancer in men, with 1 in 8 men diagnosed in their lifetime**
- **In the US, 333,830 New Cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2026, and 36,320 men are expected to die from PC this year**
- **Screening is done by a simple blood test**



## Exercise 30 minutes a day 3 days a week

- Physical activity is important for all men throughout their lives, no matter their age, stage of life or physical abilities
- Engaging with others can make exercise feel less like a chore and more like a fun social outing

# Move More!

- For men, regular physical activity is a powerful tool for staying healthy and living a long life
  - It protects the heart
  - Helps keep blood pressure controlled
  - Helps maintain a healthy weight
  - Preserves muscle mass and bone strength
  - reduces the risk of chronic disease
  - Improves mental health

Starting with manageable activities and gradually increasing intensity can help men build sustainable habits that last a lifetime



# Mental Health Matters for Men

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Managing stress and reducing anxiety can lead to a longer, healthier life.

Learn more at:

[nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/caring-for-your-mental-health](https://nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/caring-for-your-mental-health)

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# STAY STRONG

for the people who  
count on you most.

Learn more at:

[bit.ly/take-charge-mens-health](https://bit.ly/take-charge-mens-health)

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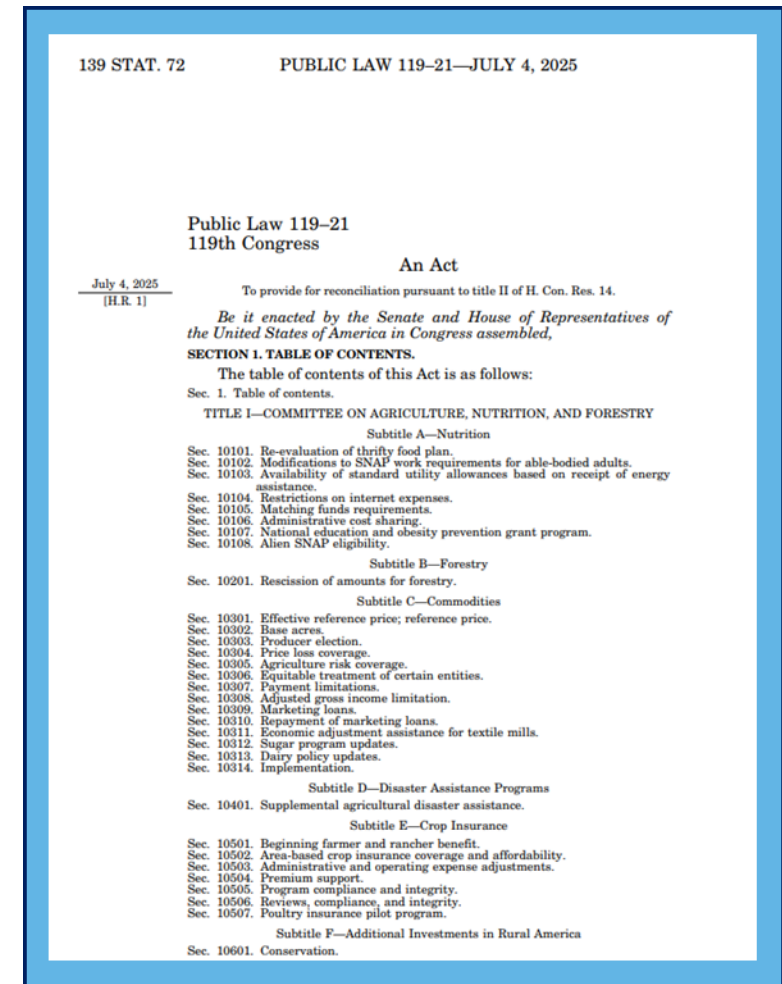
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Eating well, staying active, and making time for preventive screenings can help you stay strong for the people who count on you most. Small choices today can lead to a healthier tomorrow.

# House Resolution 1 Update

# What is H.R. 1?

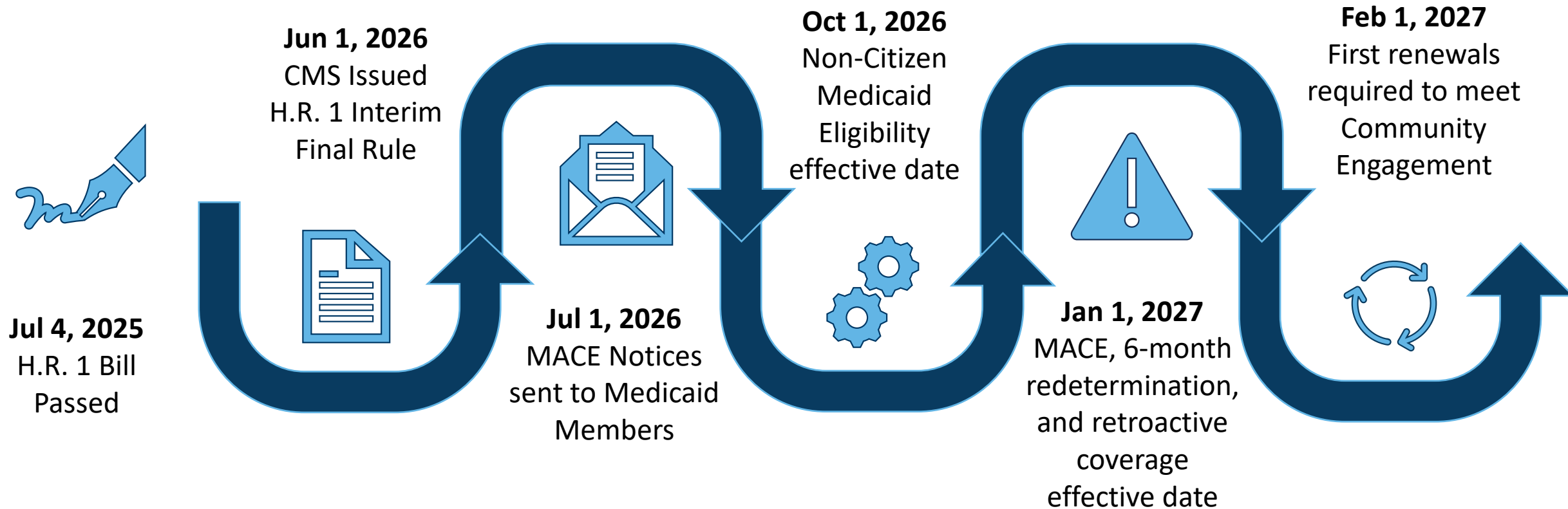
- H.R. 1 is a federal law that changes Medicaid.
- H.R. 1 was signed into law on July 4, 2025
- It changes who can enroll in Medicaid and what people must do to stay covered



# H.R. 1 Major Impacts to Medicaid Eligibility

- **Work or Community Engagement:** Some adults ages 19 to 64 who are enrolled in Medicaid based solely on income, *also known as the **Expansion Population***, must meet a new work or community engagement requirement to apply for or keep coverage.
  - New applicants: Starts January 1, 2027
  - Current members: Starts with February 2027 renewals
- **Eligibility Renewals:** Review adult Expansion Population eligibility every 6 months instead of annually.
  - New applicants: Starts January 1, 2027
  - Current members: Starts from their next renewal in 2027
- **Retroactive Coverage:** Limits how far back Medicaid coverage can be applied upon enrollment. Currently allowed up to 3 months.
  - Limited to 1 month for adult Expansion Population and 2 months for everyone else
  - Starts January 1, 2027
- **Non-Citizen Eligibility:** Fewer non-citizen groups will qualify for full Medicaid coverage.
  - Refugees, asylees, parolees, survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking with a pending status, Canadian American Indians, conditional entries, and Amerasians will no longer qualify for full Medicaid.
  - Emergency Medicaid remains available for qualifying life-threatening medical conditions.
  - Starts October 1, 2026

# H.R. 1: Implementation Timeline



# Medicaid Community Engagement (MACE)

- A federal law is changing Medicaid rules starting on January 1, 2027
- To apply for or keep Medicaid, some adults must do the following:
  - ✓ Complete at least 80 hours per month of:
    - Work; or
    - Job training or a work program; or
    - Volunteering or community service; or
    - Go to school at least half-time including high school, college, or career and technical education; OR
  - ✓ Any combination of the activities above that adds up to 80 hours; OR
  - ✓ Earn \$580 a month, or if your work is seasonal, earn an average of \$580 over the last 6 months.
- **Note:** Members who do not meet community engagement requirements cannot receive Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) to help pay for Marketplace coverage.
- Current CMS Guidance: [State Requirements to Establish Medicaid Community Engagement Requirements](#); [CMS Interim Final Rule Medicaid Community Engagement](#)

# MACE: When must you meet the requirement?



## Application

- If applying for Medicaid, they must show they met the community engagement requirement in the **one month before application**.
- *Example:*
  - You are applying for Medicaid in February 2027.
  - You must show that you met the requirement for 80 hours in January 2027 to qualify.



## Renewal

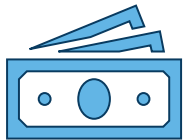
- If already enrolled, they must show they met the community engagement requirement for any **three months in the 6-month period between renewals**.
- *Example:*
  - Your renewal is due in September 2027.
  - You must show that you met the requirement for 80 hours each month for any three months between March and August 2027.

# MACE: Who needs to meet the requirement?

Individuals referred to as the expansion population need to meet the community engagement requirement if they are:



Age 19 to 64;



Enrolled in Medicaid based **only** on income and not for another reason such as disability, health status or family status; and



Not exempt.

# MACE: Who is exempt from the requirement?

You do **not** have to meet the work or community engagement requirement if you are one of the following:

- Under the age of 19
- Former foster care child under age 26
- Member of a federally recognized tribe (American Indian or Alaska Native)
- A parent, guardian or caregiver of a child age 13 or younger; or a disabled individual of any age
- Veteran with a total disability rating
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or Social Security Retirement (SSR) due to disability
- Entitled to or Enrolled in Medicare Part A or Enrolled in Medicare Part B
- Pregnant or in the 12-month postpartum period
- Have a serious medical condition or medically frail\*
- An inmate of a public institution now or in the past 3 months
- In a drug/alcohol or mental health treatment program
- Meet Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) work requirements

# MACE: What is medically frail?

You may be considered medically frail if you have a health condition that significantly affects your ability to meet the community engagement requirement.

- Being medically frail is based on a **two-part determination**:
  1. You have a qualifying medical condition; **and**
  2. That condition significantly impacts your ability to complete 80 hours of community engagement activities.
- Qualifying conditions may include:
  - Blindness or disability
  - A substance use disorder
  - A disabling mental health condition
  - A physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly impairs one or more activities of daily living
  - A serious or complex medical condition (e.g., cancer, ESRD, HIV/AIDS, heart disease, multiple sclerosis)
- How is it determined?
  - Kentucky will first review your health care records, including claims and service data from the past 12 months
  - If records are not available, you may provide documentation or, through 2027, a signed statement
  - Your provider may also complete a form being developed by KY CHFS to support your exemption
  - **Having a diagnosis alone does not automatically qualify you** — the state must consider whether the severity of your condition impacts your ability to work or participate in qualifying activities.

# MACE: What are the short-term hardship reasons?

You may **not** have to meet the work or community engagement requirement if one of the following applies:

- **Inpatient care** – in a hospital or other medical facility at some time during the month
- **Federal Emergency or Disaster** – live in a county covered by a federally declared emergency or disaster during the month
- **High Unemployment Rate** – live in a county where the unemployment rate exceeds the federal threshold during the month
- **Extended Travel for Specialized Medical Care** – you or your dependent must travel from their home for an extended time to receive specialized medical treatment (if you are not travelling, your dependent's travel must impact your ability to meet the community engagement requirement).

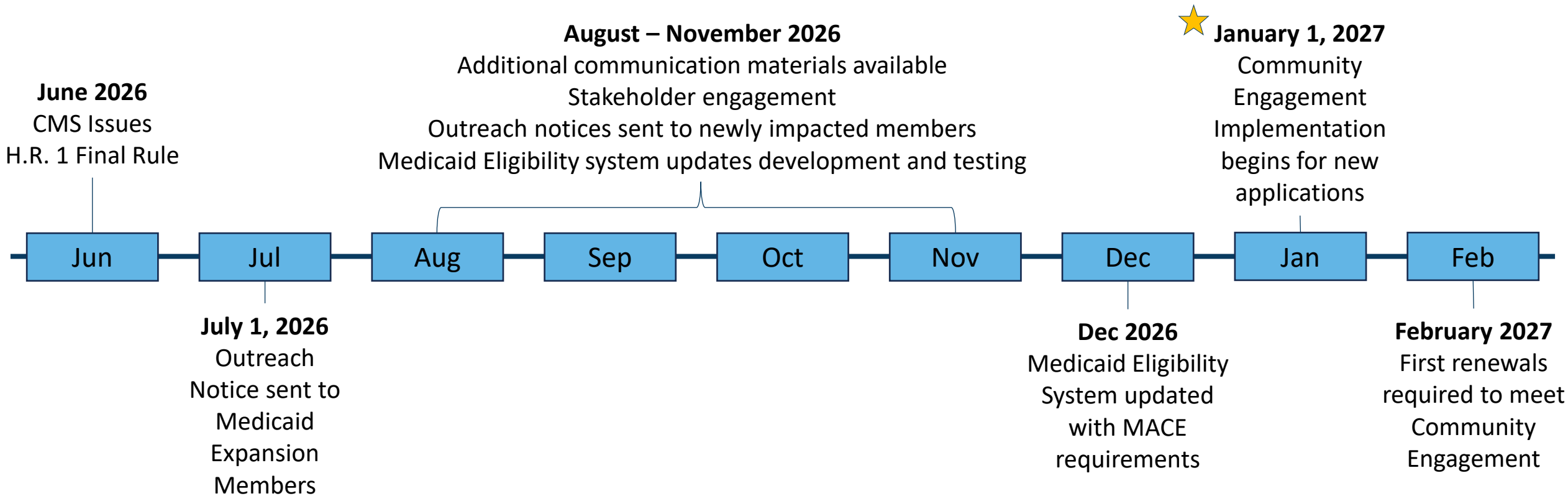
# MACE: What the Federal Rule Clarifies

The [CMS interim final rule](#), released on June 1, provides additional detail on how community engagement requirements will work. Here are some key highlights:

- **Medical frailty is a two-part test:** In addition to having a qualifying medical condition, the state must determine that the condition impacts a person's ability to demonstrate community engagement.
- **Verification timelines vary by exemption type:**
  - Most compliance, exclusions, and exceptions must be verified **every 6 months**
  - Medical frailty and temporarily disabled veterans are verified **annually** (with one exception — see below)
  - Native Americans and permanently disabled veterans are verified **once**
  - Former foster children are verified **once** prior to turning 26
- **Attestations (signed statements) may be used through 2027:** After January 1, 2028, an attestation may be used **one time** for medical frailty but must be followed up with other documentation at the next review.
- **Community engagement applies to presumptive eligibility:** When applying for presumptive or hospital presumptive eligibility, community engagement will be assessed based on attestations.

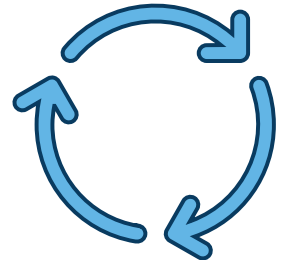


# MACE: Implementation Timeline



# Medicaid Eligibility Renewals

- H.R. 1 is changing how often Medicaid eligibility is reviewed, starting on January 1, 2027
- To apply for or keep Medicaid, some adults must do the following:
  - ✓ Complete an eligibility renewal every 6 months instead of once per year
  - ✓ Verify continued eligibility at each renewal, including income and earnings, household composition, residency and other eligibility factors
  - ✓ Respond to renewal notices and requests for information
  - ✓ Submit required documentation within required timeframes to maintain coverage
  - ✓ Meet renewal requirements alongside other program requirements, including community engagement, when applicable
- Timelines:
  - New applicants: 6-month renewal requirement begins January 1, 2027
  - Current members: Transition to 6-month renewals at their next scheduled renewal in 2027
- If renewal requirements are not completed:
  - Coverage may end
  - Members may need to reapply for Medicaid
- Current CMS Guidance: [Section 71107: Implementation of “Eligibility Redeterminations”](#)

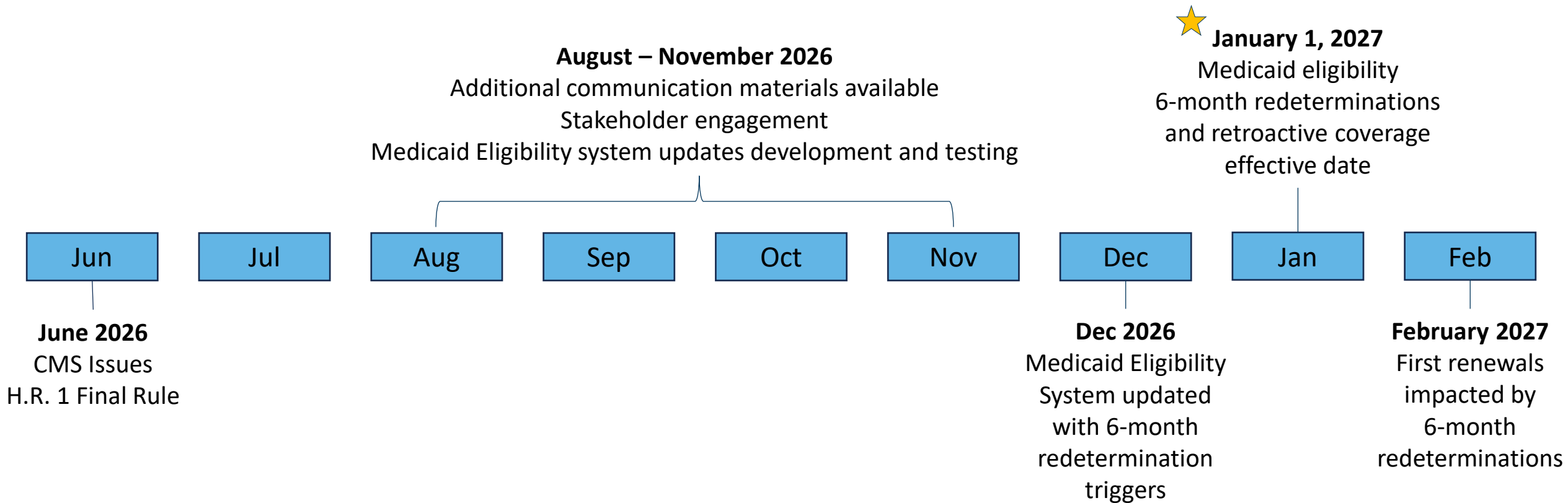


# Medicaid Retroactive Coverage

- A federal law is changing how far back Medicaid coverage can be applied, starting on January 1, 2027
  - Retroactive coverage will be limited to a shorter time period
  - Coverage may be applied:
    - Up to 1 month prior to application for adults ages 19–64 enrolled based on income (Expansion Population)
    - Up to 2 months prior to application for all other eligible groups
- States must:
  - Review eligibility for the retroactive period using the same criteria as at application
  - Determine whether an individual qualified for Medicaid during the prior 1–2 months
  - Approve or deny coverage for past services based on verified eligibility
- What this means for members
  - Individuals may have fewer months of past medical bills covered after applying
  - Members may need to apply more quickly after receiving care to maximize coverage
  - Providers may see changes in reimbursement for services delivered prior to enrollment



# Medicaid Eligibility Renewals & Retroactive Coverage: Implementation Timeline



# Non-Citizen Medicaid Eligibility

- A federal law is changing which non-citizens qualify for Medicaid coverage, starting on October 1, 2026.
- To apply for or keep Medicaid, individuals must meet updated eligibility categories, which:
  - Limit federally funded Medicaid coverage to a narrower group of non-citizens
  - Redefine which immigration statuses qualify for full Medicaid benefits
  - Require states to verify immigration status and reassess eligibility for current members
- Current CMS Guidance: [Section 71109: Implementation of “Alien Medicaid Eligibility”](#)

# Non-Citizen Eligibility: What is changing?

- Beginning October 1, 2026, federal Medicaid funding will generally be limited to:
  - U.S. citizens and nationals
  - Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs / green card holders) Cuban or Haitian entrants
  - Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants
- As a result, many groups that previously qualified will no longer be eligible for federally funded full Medicaid, including:
  - Refugees
  - Asylees
  - Individuals with humanitarian parole
  - Survivors of trafficking or domestic violence
- **Note:** The same immigration-related eligibility limits apply to Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) for Marketplace coverage, meaning individuals losing Medicaid under these changes may not qualify for subsidized Marketplace plans either.

# Non-Citizen Eligibility: Requirements & Implementation



## Requirements

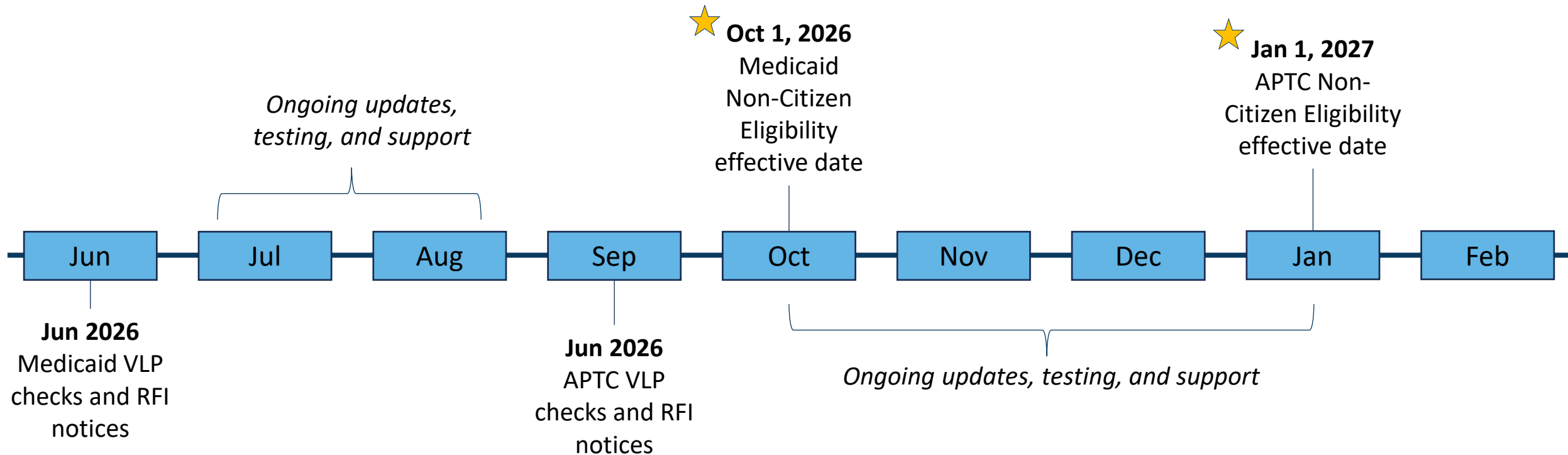
- States are required to:
  - Reverify immigration status using federal data sources (e.g., verification systems)
  - Redetermine eligibility for affected individuals prior to October 1, 2026
  - Identify members who no longer qualify for federally funded coverage
  - Determine whether coverage will end or transition (e.g., emergency Medicaid or other coverage options)



## Implementation

- Kentucky's Medicaid eligibility system (IEES) will be updated the Verify Lawful Presence (VLP) interface to receive new federal codes
- The system will run verification checks on current non-citizen members and identify individuals whose status does not meet new requirements
- If eligibility cannot be verified, members will receive a Request for Information (RFI) notice to submit documentation
- Kentucky anticipates sending VLP checks and RFI notices:
  - Medicaid: June 5–14, 2026
  - Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC): September 10-20, 2026

# Non-Citizen Eligibility: Implementation Timeline



# Next Steps

## For Members:

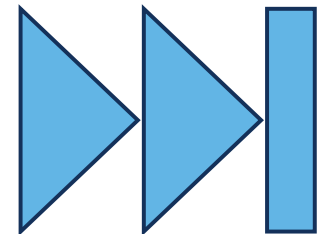
- You do **not** need to take any action right now. Kentucky will provide advance notice before community engagement requirements begin.
- When the time comes, you will receive information about how to report your hours, how to request an exemption, and where to get help.

## For Providers:

- Familiarize yourself with the community engagement requirements and exemption categories so you can support your patients.
- Be prepared to assist with medical frailty documentation as implementation approaches.
- Watch for additional guidance from the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) on your role in the verification process.

## For Advocates & Stakeholders:

- Continue to participate in stakeholder meetings and provide feedback as Kentucky finalizes its implementation plan.
- Key dates and policy details may continue to evolve as CMS issues additional guidance — stay engaged for updates.



# Questions?

# Open call for topics of interest!

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

Contact CHFS Listens at  
[CHFS.Listens@ky.gov](mailto:CHFS.Listens@ky.gov) or call 1-833-372-004.

