



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

**Medicaid Monthly Virtual
Meeting
May 21, 2026**

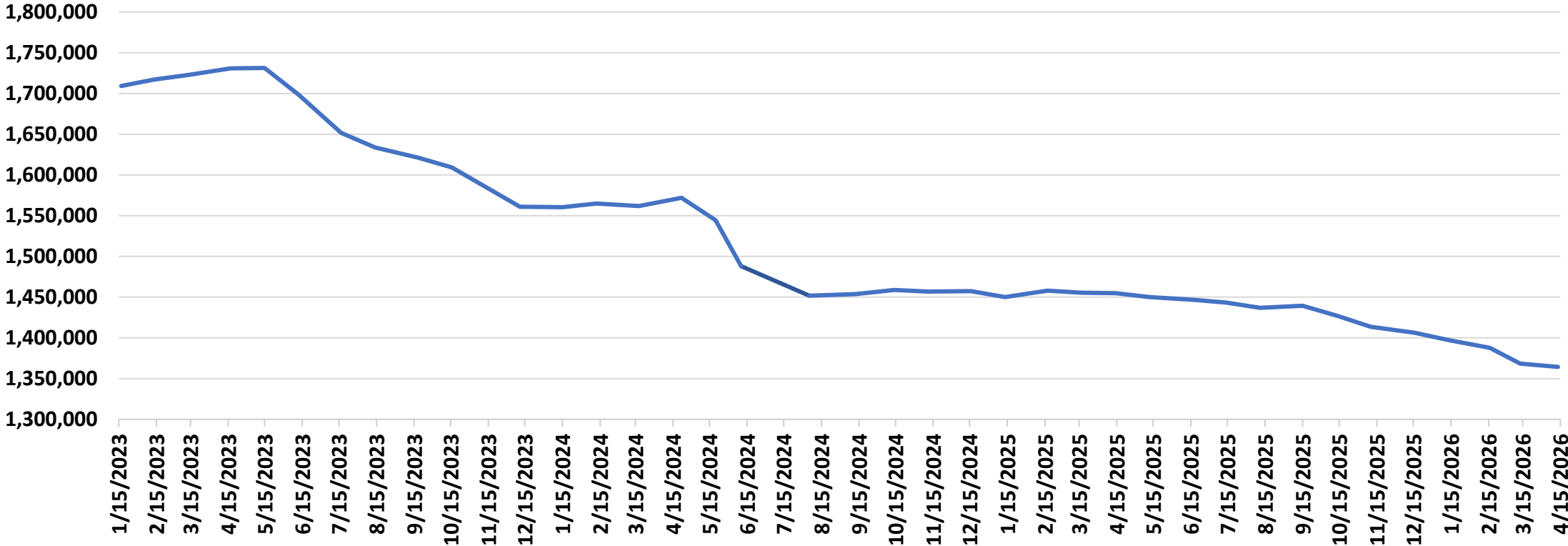
Agenda

- 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
- TEAMKY Section 1115 Demonstration
- Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight
- House Resolution 1 Update

Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates

Medicaid Enrollment Trend

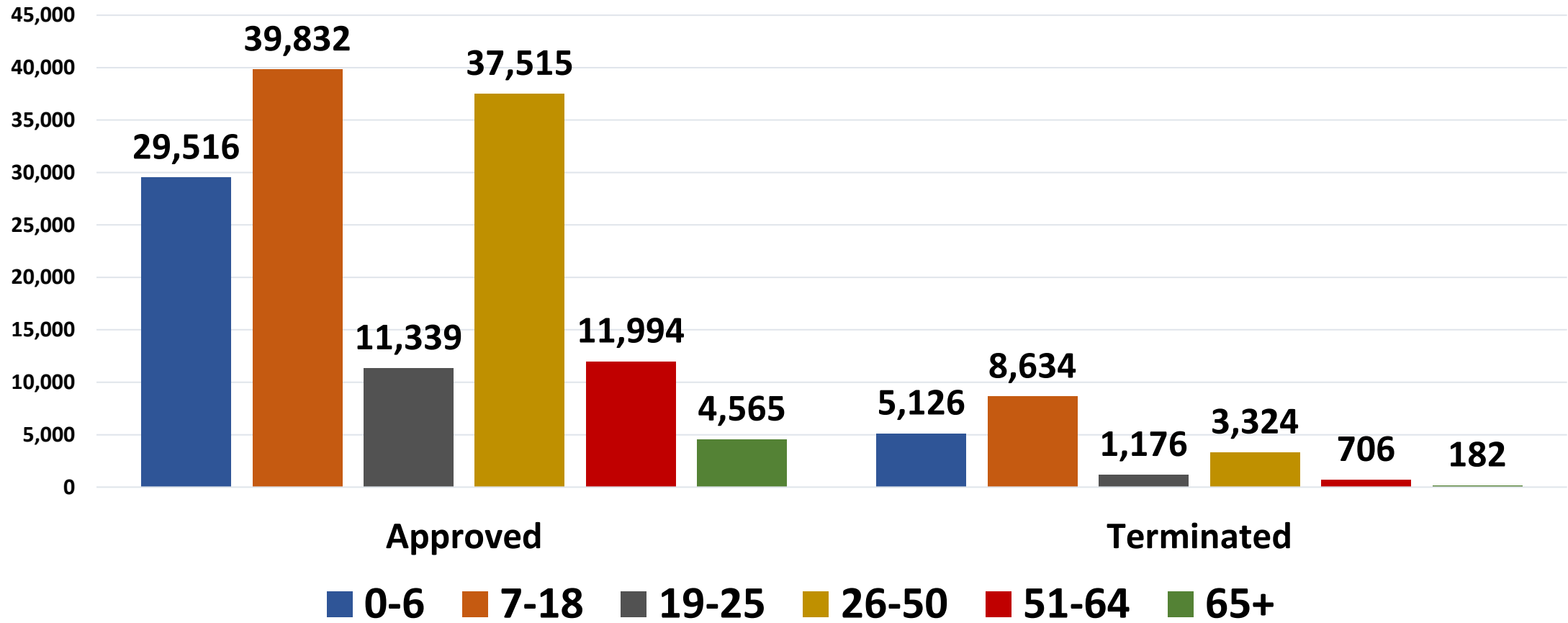
Medicaid Enrollment: January 2023 through April 2026 Renewals



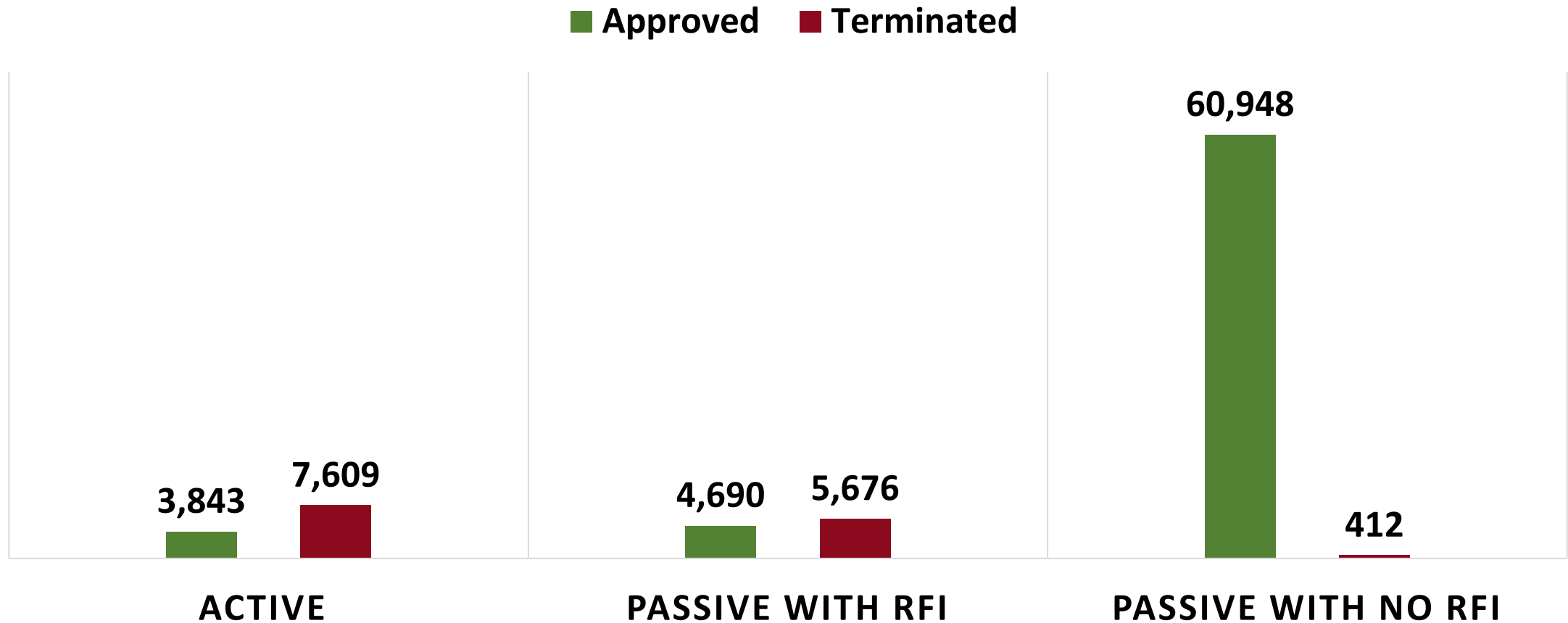
Medicaid Renewals – April 2026

	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending
April	154,823	134,761	19,146	915

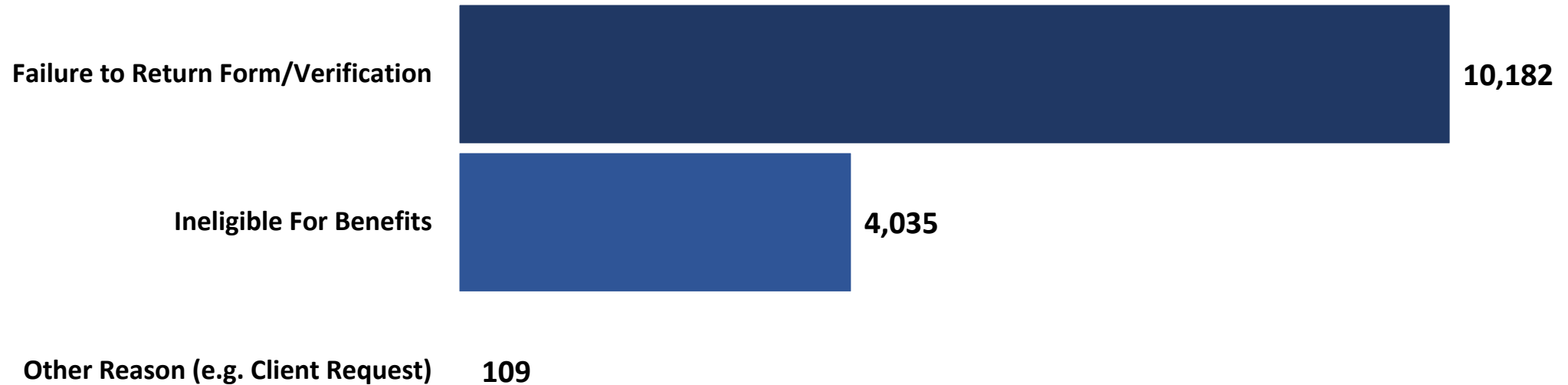
April 2026 Renewals By Age



April 2026 Child Renewals



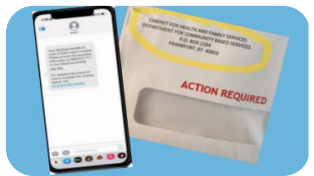
April 2026 Child Terminations by Reason



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** 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

Materials for Offices

Get help from kynectors

Renewals

HOW DO I APPLY FOR MEDICAID?

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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-d-cbs-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!



FREE HELP!

(855)-4kynect

www.kynect.ky.gov/healthcoverage

kynect

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.

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<https://medicaidrenewals.ky.gov>

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"



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.



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

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 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

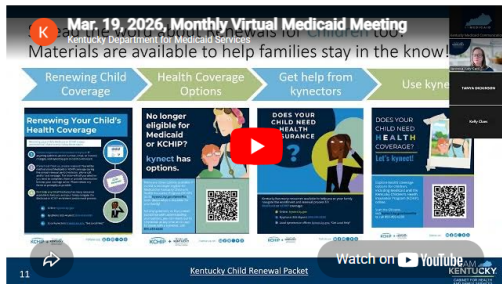
Medicaid Provider Information

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


➔ Mid-year churn. Individuals are finding solutions to bridge the gap between jobs or from Medicaid or until they are eligible for Medicare. Nearly twice as many terminations for nonpayment than in years' past.


78,477
Enrolled on
Qualified
Health Plan

➔ Mid-year Reminder sent for enrollees to make sure their income is accurate. It is always the individual's responsibility to make sure income is properly reported to avoid tax liabilities.

➔ Plan Year 2027: We have recieved word that Molina, our smallest issuer will Kentucky Marketplace at the close of this year. There will still be Anthem in all counties and Ambetter in over a hundred.

 kynect.ky.gov

 855-4kynect (459-6328)

 KHBE.Questions@ky.gov

1915(i) RISE Update

1915(i) RISE Initiative Participant Information:

- ❖ 1915(i) RISE serves Medicaid-eligible adults (18+) with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), with or without a co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Some services have additional eligibility requirements.
- ❖ Referrals may be made by individuals, families, service providers, and others at our website, by email, or telephone.
- ❖ Across the five 1915(i) RISE operating regions, we have received over 251 participant referrals to date.
- ❖ 221 participants have been referred to assessment, and 114 have proceeded to Case Manager selection.
- ❖ If a region is not yet offering services, referred individuals are placed on a follow-up contact list for future outreach. There is no cap on the number of participants.

1915(i) RISE Initiative Provider Information:

- ❖ 1915(i) RISE is currently operating in five of Kentucky's Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) regions – Pennyroyal (Region 2), Seven Counties (Region 6), Pathways (Regions 9 & 10), Kentucky River (Region 12), and New Vista (Region 15). New regions open when all 10 program services become available to participants.
- ❖ Over 140 providers are currently in the application process – 32 have submitted applications, 18 are certified to offer services, and 17 have completed Medicaid enrollment.
- ❖ Providers are selected by participants after assessment, and may offer one or more of the program's 10 services, including Case Management, housing services, Supported Education/Employment, and other community-based supports.

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

Provider and Participant Metrics

Provider Applications	Number Of
Applications Received	15
Reviews In Progress	1
Requests for Additional Information	1
Certified Providers	10
Providers Denied	4

Participant Applications	Number Of
Number of Unique Applicants	53
In Review/Request for Additional Information	25
Number of Participants Awaiting Assessment	2
Approved Participants	14
Applicants Denied	5

CHILD Waiver Resources

- 1915c Waiver Helpdesk: 1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov or 844-784-5614
- [Cabinet for Health and Family Services Website](#)
- [CHILD Waiver Website](#)
- [CHILD Waiver Reimbursement](#)

Regulations:

- The 1915(c) CHILD regulations are currently under review and awaiting approval
- Public Comment Period ended March 31, 2026 [Title 907 Chapter 2 • Kentucky Administrative Regulations • Legislative Research Commission](#)
 - 907 KAR 2:720: CHILD Waiver Program Requirements
 - 907 KAR 2:725 CHILD Waiver Reimbursement

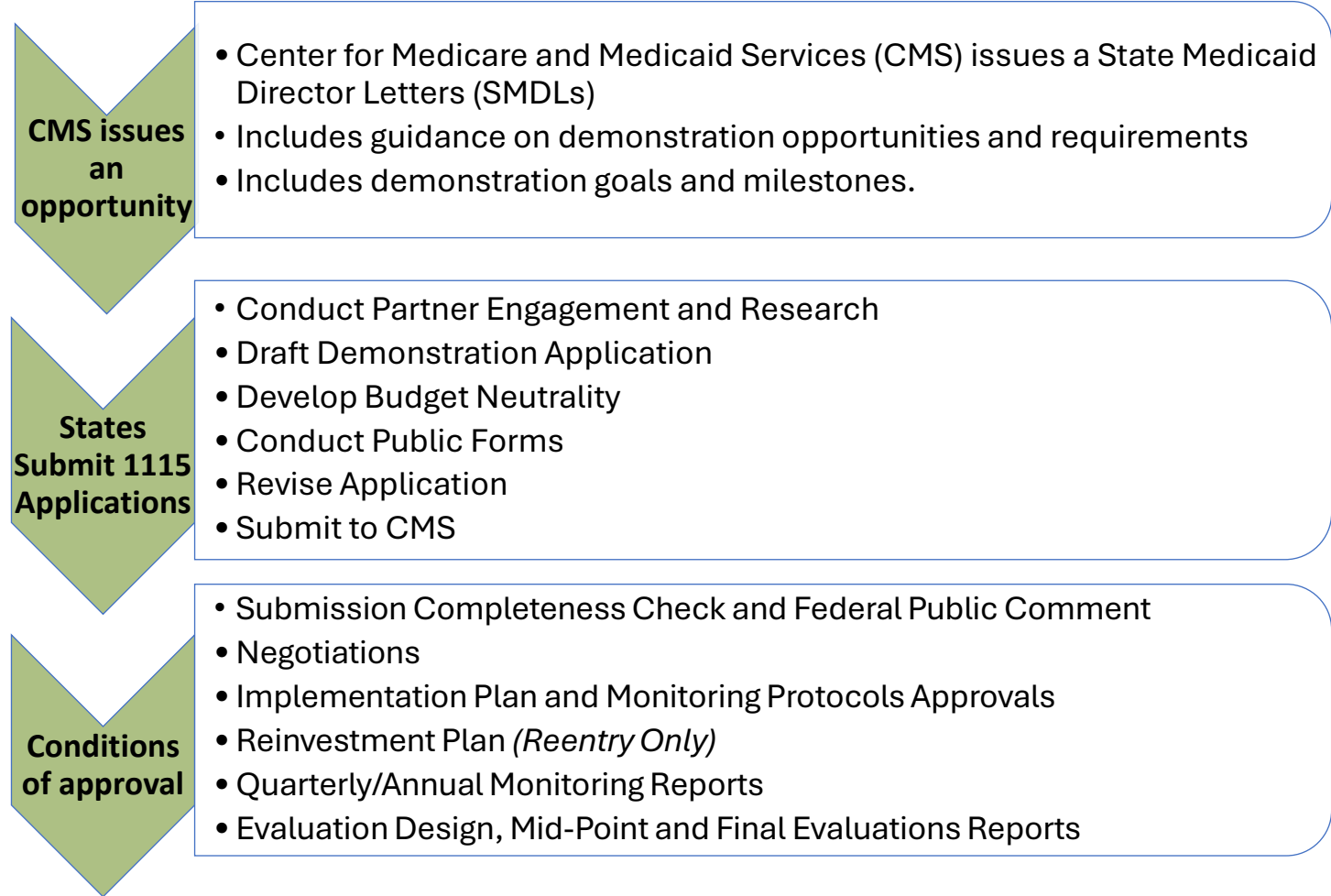
TEAMKY Section 1115 Demonstration Update

Section 1115 Demonstrations

Section 1115 Demonstration Process

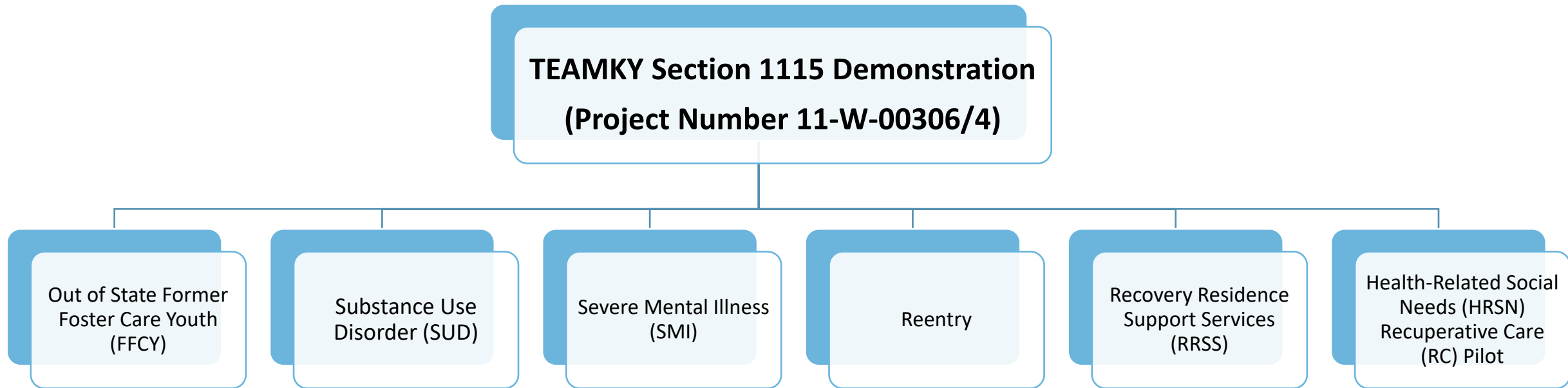
What is a Section 1115 Demonstration?

1115 Demonstrations are often described as a pilot or demonstration project to promote the objectives of the Medicaid program that cannot otherwise be provided under existing authorities. The purpose of the demonstration is to give states additional flexibility to design and improve their programs.



TEAMKY Section 1115 Demonstration

Kentucky's Section 1115 Demonstration entitled "TEAMKY" (formally known as Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health (KY HEALTH)) was initially approved in January 2018 and received a 5-year extension approval on December 12, 2024 through December 31, 2029.



TEAMKY Demonstration Updates

Out of State Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY)



WHAT IT DOES

Authorizes Medicaid eligibility coverage for former foster care youth (FFCY) who are under 26 years of age and were receiving Medicaid benefits in foster care under the responsibility of another state.



PRIMARY GOAL

Increase eligibility coverage for former foster care youth to remove barriers to accessing care and promote better health outcomes.



KEY PROVISIONS

- Implemented on January 1, 2018.
- Individuals self-attest to being FFCY.
- Offers coverage for Out Of State (OOS) FFCY who were eligible before 1/1/23 and are not currently eligible under the SPA.



CURRENT STATUS

- As of January 1, 2023 coverage for OOS FFCY was mandated as a State Plan (SPA) eligibility group.
- The 1115 remains in place through December 31, 2029 for those who were eligible before 1/1/23 and are not currently eligible under the SPA.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)



WHAT IT DOES

Authorizes DMS to reimburse for short-term, medically necessary residential treatment for adults with SUD in Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) defined by 42 C.F.R. 435.1010, settings previously ineligible for federal funding.



PRIMARY GOAL

To expand access to high-quality residential care and strengthen community-based supports for individuals with SUD.



KEY PROVISIONS

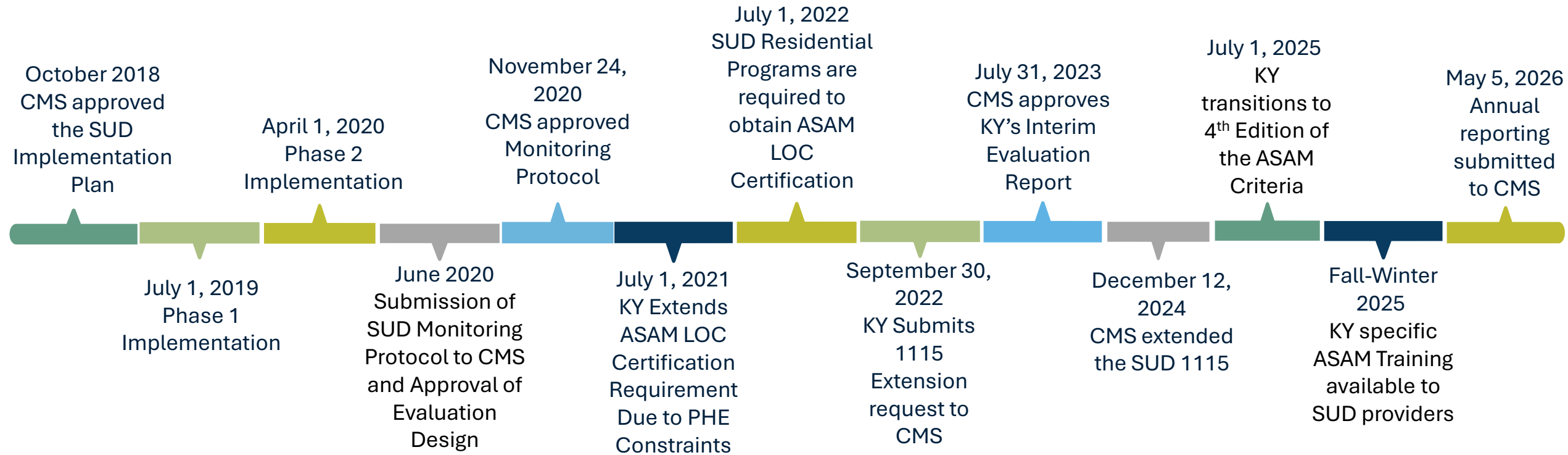
- Implemented July 1, 2019.
- Allows reimbursement for previously excluded IMD stays to allow for an average statewide length of stay of 30 days or less.
- Allows reimbursement in IMD residential facilities from 16 beds, up to 96 beds per facility who meet standards.



CURRENT STATUS

- KY has transitioned to the 4th Edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria.
- Prior authorizations of behavioral health services were reinstated 6/25/25 following passage of KY HB 695.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Timeline



Next Steps

June 30, 2026 – Final Evaluation Report due to CMS

Ongoing Monitoring and Reporting

Serious Mental Illness (SMI)



WHAT IT DOES

Authorizes DMS to reimburse for medically necessary short-term psychiatric inpatient stays being treated primarily for a mental illness in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) defined by 42 C.F.R. 435.1010, which was previously ineligible for federal funding.



PRIMARY GOAL

To expand access to high-quality inpatient care and strengthen transitions to community-based supports for individuals with SMI.



KEY PROVISIONS

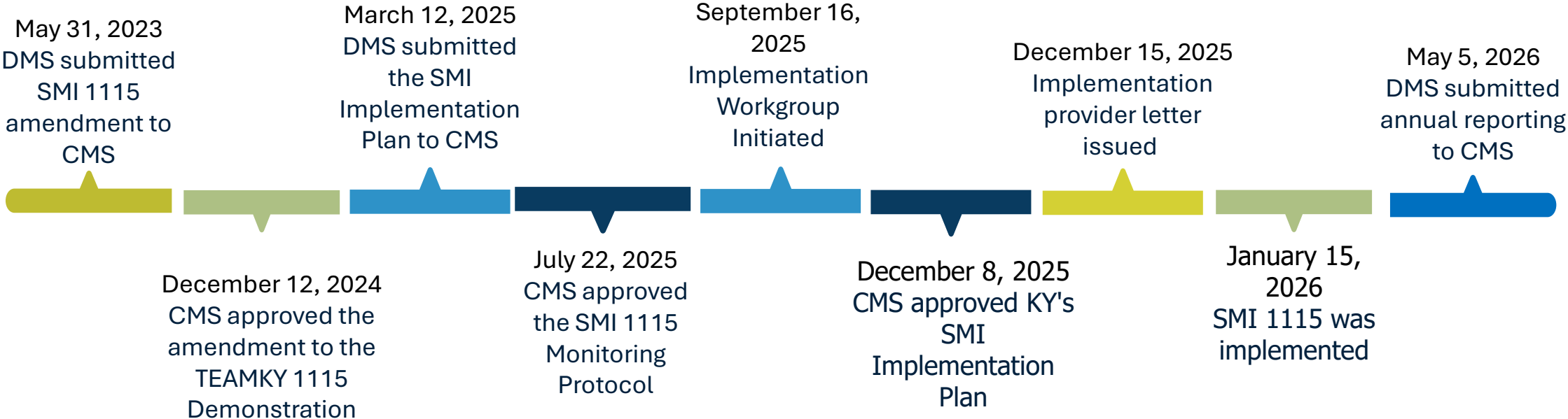
- Applies to adults aged 21-64 with full Medicaid coverage.
- Allows reimbursement for medically necessary short-term inpatient stays up to 60 days (not to exceed a 30 day statewide average length of stay).
- Applies to fee-for-service (FFS) and Managed Care Organization (MCO).



CURRENT STATUS

- Implemented January 15, 2026.
- Resumed FFS clinical review for psychiatric inpatient prior authorizations for individuals ages 21-64.

Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Timeline



Next Steps



Reentry



WHAT IT DOES

Authorizes federal Medicaid reimbursement for certain transitional services in state prisons and youth development centers (YDCs) up to 60 days prior to individual's release.



KEY PROVISIONS

- Not intended to supplant correctional funding.
- Approved settings and population include all adults in KY's Dept. of Corrections (DOC) State Prisons and all youth in KY's Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) YDCs.
- Services include: Case Management and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) 60 days prior to release; and 30-day supply of medications at release.



PRIMARY GOAL

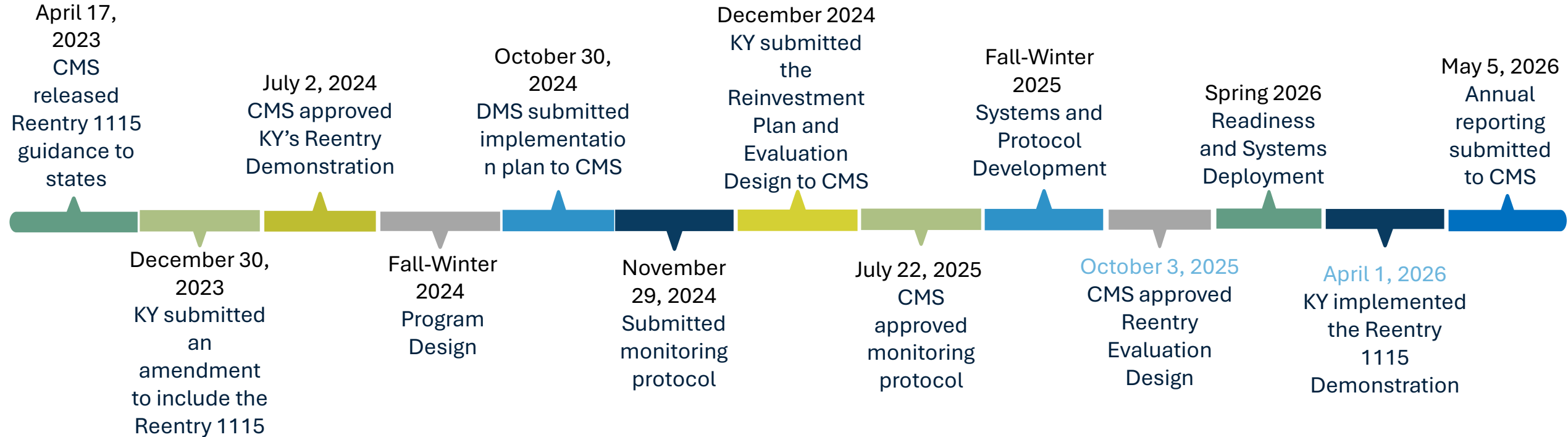
- Strengthen collaboration between judicial and healthcare systems to ensure successful reentry and continuity of care.
- Facilitate linkages to medical, behavioral health and health related social needs upon release.



CURRENT STATUS

- Implemented April 1, 2026.
- Completing data analysis and system changes as needed.
- Justice and Managed Care Organization (MCO) partner collaboration.
- Additional training post implementation.

Reentry Timeline



Next Steps



Recovery Residence Support Services (RRSS)



WHAT IT DOES

Authorizes Medicaid reimbursement for non-clinical support services that help individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) stabilize in community-based recovery residences.



PRIMARY GOAL

To remove barriers between treatment and long-term stability, improve recovery outcomes, support reentry efforts, promote independent living, and coordinate systems across healthcare, housing, social services, and the courts.



KEY PROVISIONS

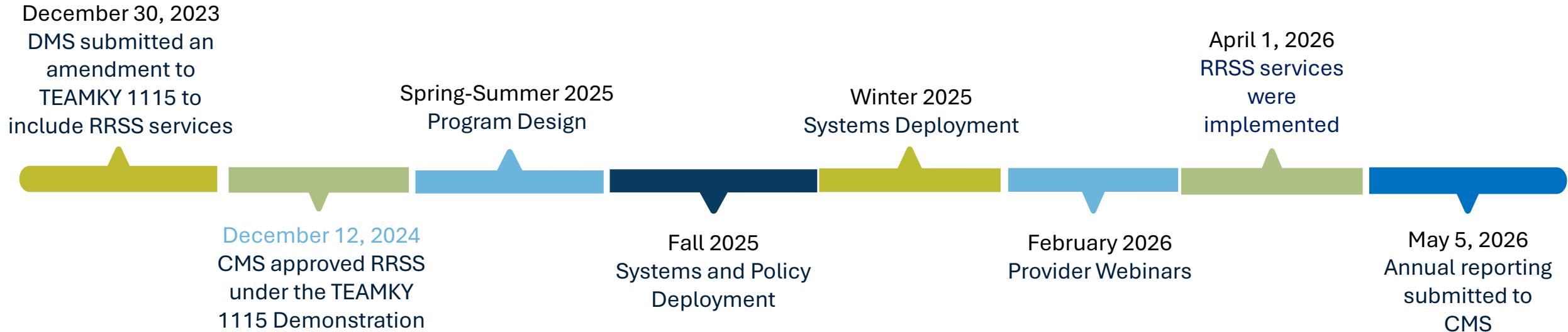
- Supports non-clinical services, i.e., skills training, coaching, and recovery management planning within applicable certified National Association for Recovery Residences (NARR) Level II or III programs.
- Services limited to 90 days per rolling 12-month period.
- Available to individuals participating in the KY Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program (BHCDP), or those who received pre-release services under the Reentry Demonstration.



CURRENT STATUS

- Implemented April 1, 2026.
- Programs may now enroll in new Provider Type 08.
- Finalized Service Guide and Administrative Prior Authorization process.

Recovery Residence Support Services (RRSS) Timeline



Next Steps



HRSN-Recuperative Care Pilot



WHAT IT DOES

Authorizes DMS to reimburse for short-term, clinically appropriate housing, care coordination, and support services, also known as medical respite, for adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have a primary medical need and requires post-acute care, episodic treatment (e.g., chemo), pre/post-procedure care



KEY PROVISIONS

- Covers adults age 18+
- Must be independently mobile and able to perform basic activities of daily living (ADLs)
- Benefits are limited per beneficiary to a combined (pre or post transition housing services) max of 180 days per rolling 12-month period
- Limited to 5 pilot providers, with up to 20 bed reimbursement per provider



PRIMARY GOAL

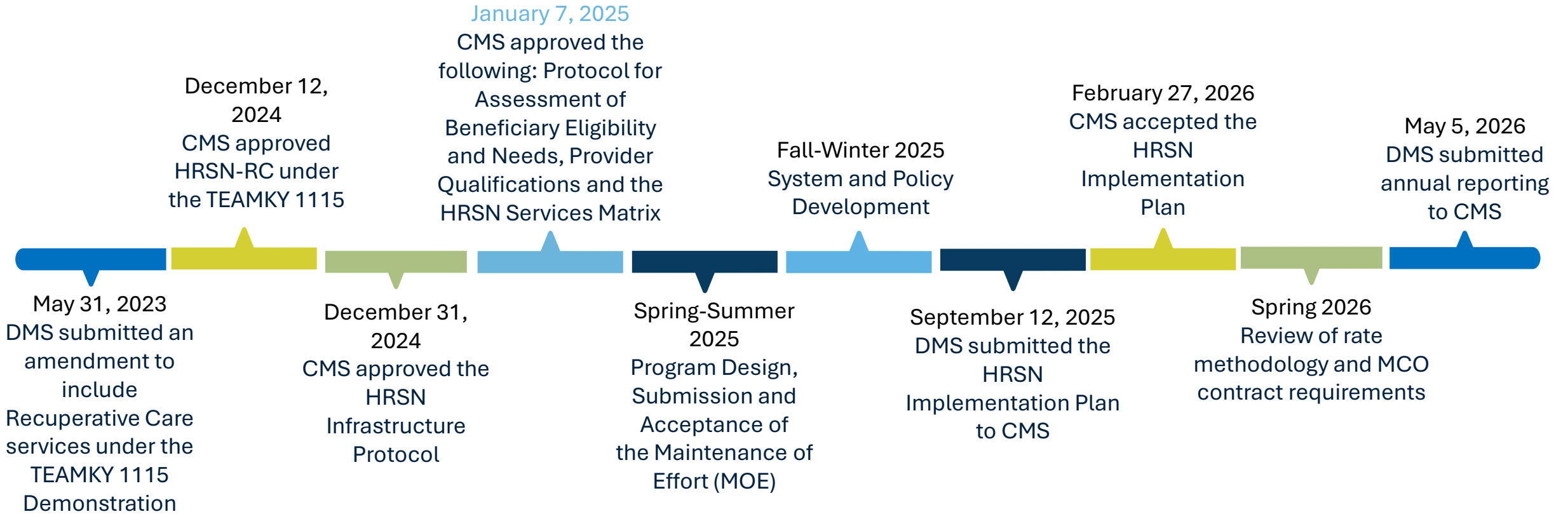
To reduce avoidable hospitalizations, emergency room utilization, bridge acute care discharge with long-term stability, stabilize medically vulnerable individuals, integrate medical, behavioral, and social services, while improving Medicaid cost-effectiveness and beneficiary outcomes.



CURRENT STATUS

- Implementation to be determined following approval of rate methodology and MCO contract amendments.

HRSN-Recuperative Care Pilot Timeline



Next Steps



Comments

You can submit any comments or questions for the SMI, RRSS, SUD, FFCY, HRSN-RC demonstrations to:
TEAMKY1115@ky.gov

You can submit any comments or questions for the Reentry demonstration to:

KY1115ReentryProgram@mslc.com

For more information about the TEAMKY Section 1115 demonstrations, visit our [webpage](#) for all 1115 demonstrations.

Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight

Take Charge of Your Health

Want to eat better, get active, or stay motivated?

The *Take Charge! Health Guide for Teenagers* has everything you need.

Find the Health Guide for Teenagers at:

<https://bit.ly/teen-health-guide>

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Eating Disorders

- Eating disorders are among the deadliest behavioral health disorders, claiming a life every 52 minutes.
- In Kentucky, nearly 1 in 2 youth report engaging in disordered eating behaviors, placing them at elevated risk for death by suicide, anxiety, depression, substance use, and chronic medical conditions.
- Eating disorders are also associated with malnutrition, metabolic disorders, cardiovascular conditions, and a variety of medical complications.



Resources

- OurHealthyKentuckyHome.ky.gov
- HealthyChildren.org
 - Nutrition for Teens
 - Fitness for Teens
- Mylifemyquit.com
- 988 Lifeline
- [Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages | 7-18 years | AAP](#)



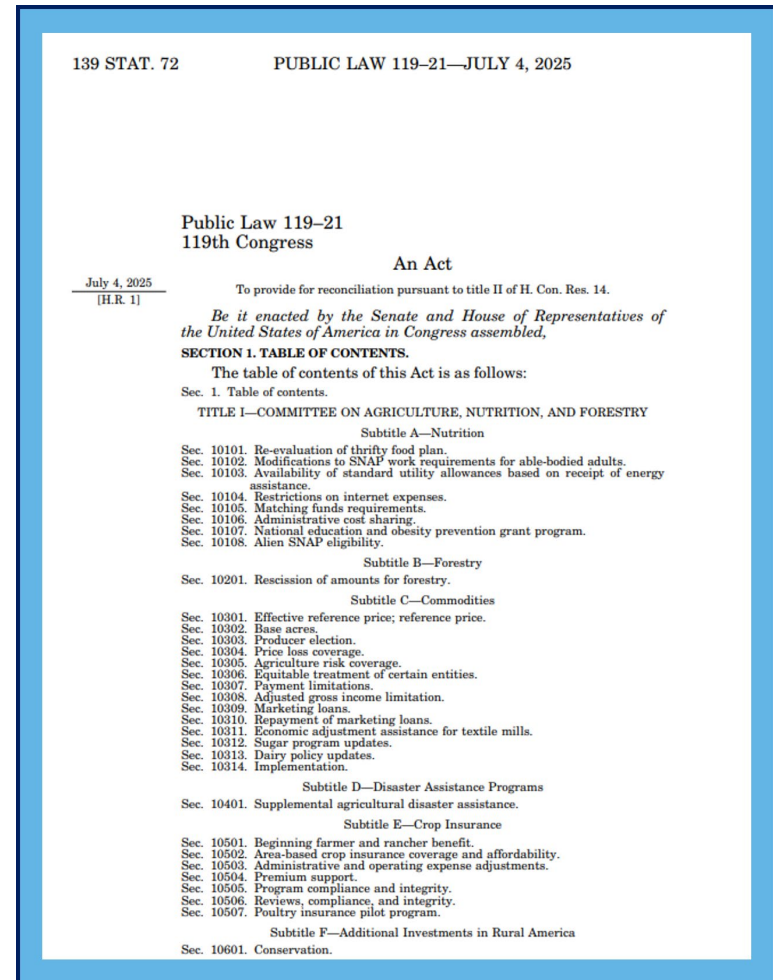
SUPPORT CONFIDENCE
 RESILIENCE SUCCESS

To learn more visit:
OurHealthyKyHome.ky.gov

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



Medicaid Community Engagement (MACE)

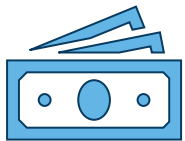
- To apply for or keep Medicaid, some adults must do the following:
 - ✓ Complete at least 80 hours per month of:
 - Work; or
 - Job training or a work program; or
 - Volunteering or community service; or
 - Any combination of the activities above that adds up to 80 hours; or
 - ✓ Go to school at least half-time including high school, college, or career and technical education; or
 - ✓ Earn \$580 a month, or if your work is seasonal, earn an average of \$580 over the last 6 months.

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 community engagement requirement if you are one of the following:

- 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 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
- Meet and not exempt from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements
- Enrolled in a 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waiver or the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

MACE: What are the Short-Term Hardship Reasons?

- 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 – must travel more than 90 miles from their home for an extended time to receive specialized medical treatment for them or a dependent

MACE: Application & Renewal



Application

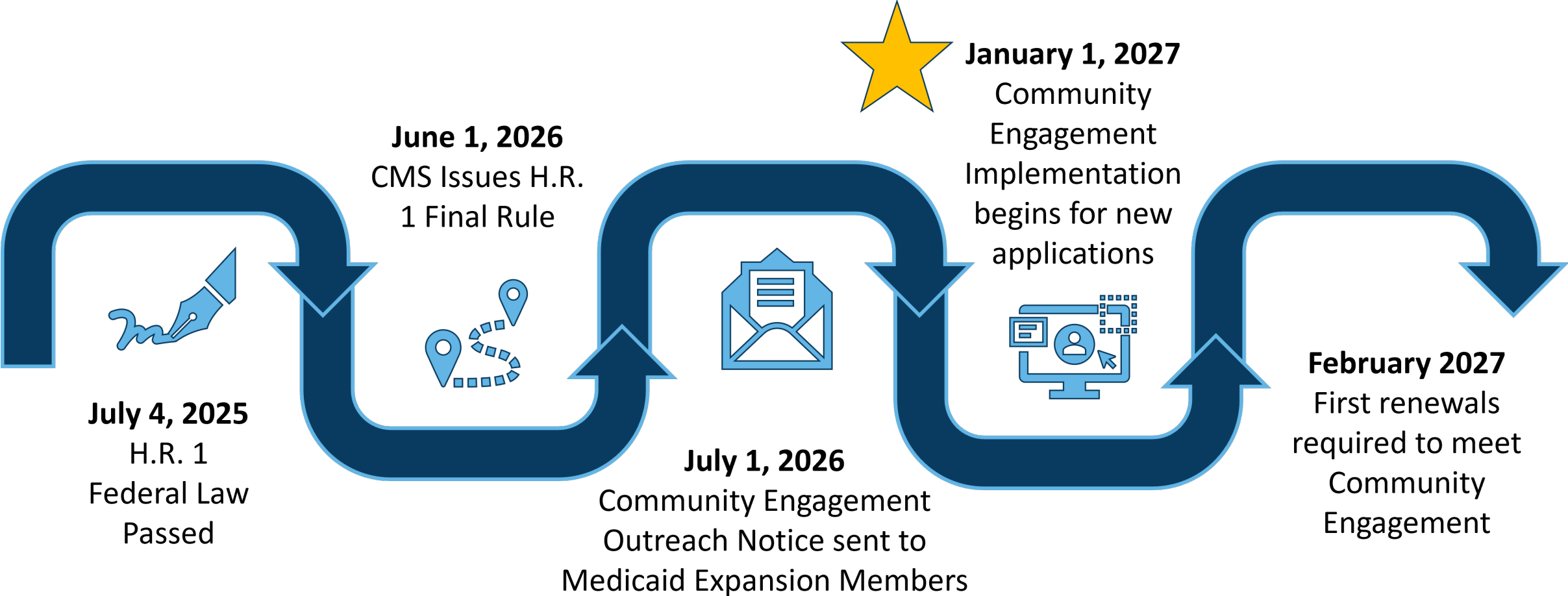
- If applying for Medicaid, an applicant must show they met the community engagement requirement in the **one month before** application.
- *Example:*
 - You are applying for Medicaid in February 2027.
 - You must show that you met the community engagement requirement in January 2027 to qualify.



Renewal

- Members must show they met community engagement requirements for at least **three months** in the 6-month period before renewal.
- *Example:*
 - Your renewal is due in September 2027.
 - You must show that you met the requirements for at least three months between March and August 2027.

MACE: Implementation Timeline



MACE: Recent Updates & Next Steps



Update: Drafting MACE regulation updates

Next Step: Incorporate CMS guidance when released



Update: Completed eligibility system design sessions

Next Step: Prepare initial MACE outreach for July 2026 and develop system updates



Update: Draft forms and initial communications in review with CHFS

Next Step: Gather stakeholder feedback, post approved materials to MACE webpage, and draft more detailed communication materials



Update: Stakeholders participated in eligibility system design session

Next Step: Engage stakeholders in review of initial MACE outreach and communications

Major Impacts of H.R. 1: Medicaid Eligibility Changes

- **Eligibility Renewals:** People on Medicaid solely based on income will have their eligibility checked every 6 months. This used to happen once a year.
 - Affects adults ages 19-64 that have Medicaid based only on income (expansion population)
 - Begins January 1, 2027
- **Coverage Start Date:** Medicaid will be limited on how far back they can be covered before a person applies. Currently may go back 3 months.
 - 1 month for expansion population and 2 months for everyone else
 - Begins January 1, 2027
- **Non-Citizen Eligibility:** Medicaid eligibility will be limited to fewer non-citizen groups. Some lawfully present immigrants who previously qualified may no longer be eligible.
 - Begins October 1, 2027

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 or call 1-833-372-004.

