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AND FAMILY SERVICES

**Medicaid Monthly Virtual
Meeting
Oct. 16, 2025**

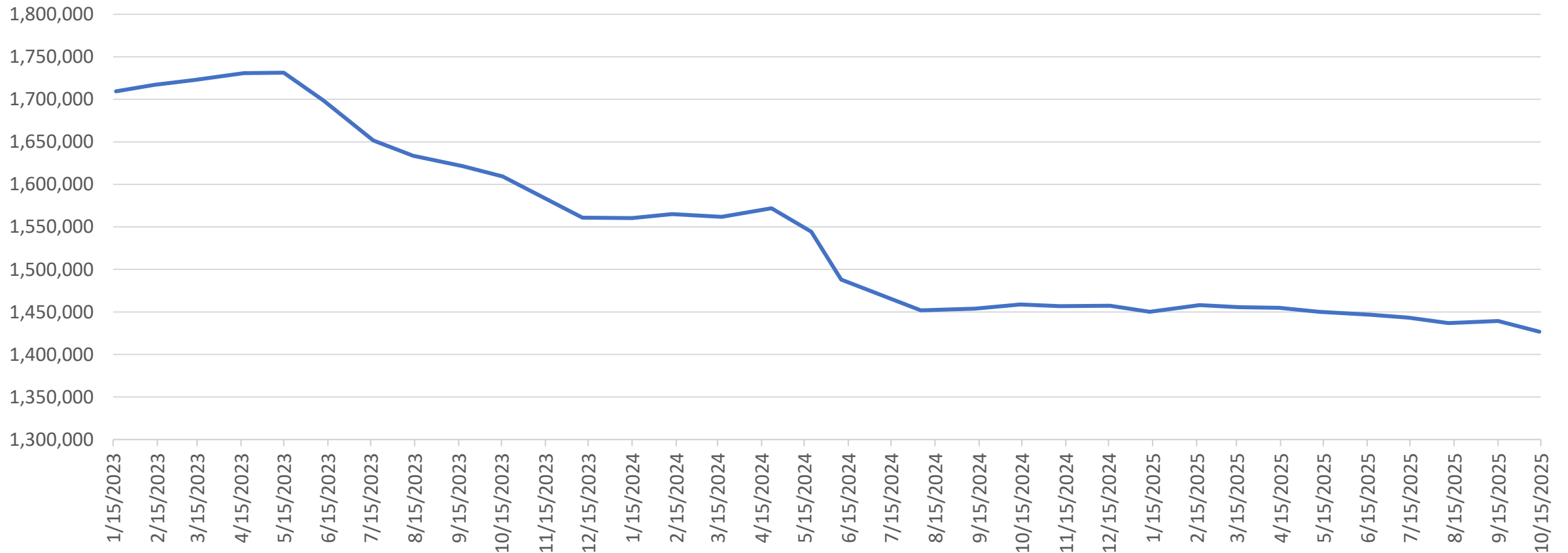
Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
- Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates
- 1915(i) RISE Initiative
- Reentry Status Update
- 1915(c) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver
- Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight
- Federal Shutdown
- House Resolution 1 (119th Congress) Update
- Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

Medicaid Renewals and State Based Marketplace Updates

Medicaid Enrollment Trend

Medicaid Enrollment: Jan 2023 through September 2025 Renewals

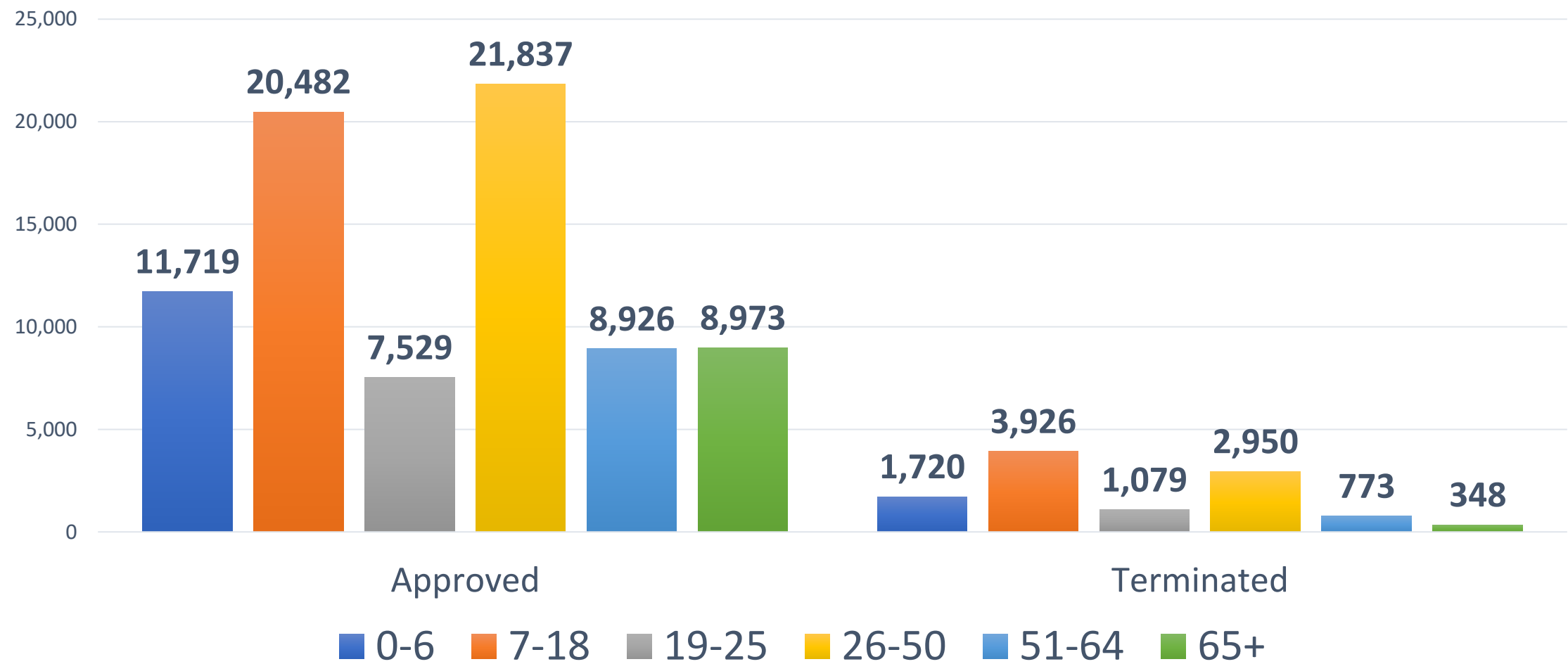


Medicaid Renewals – September 2025

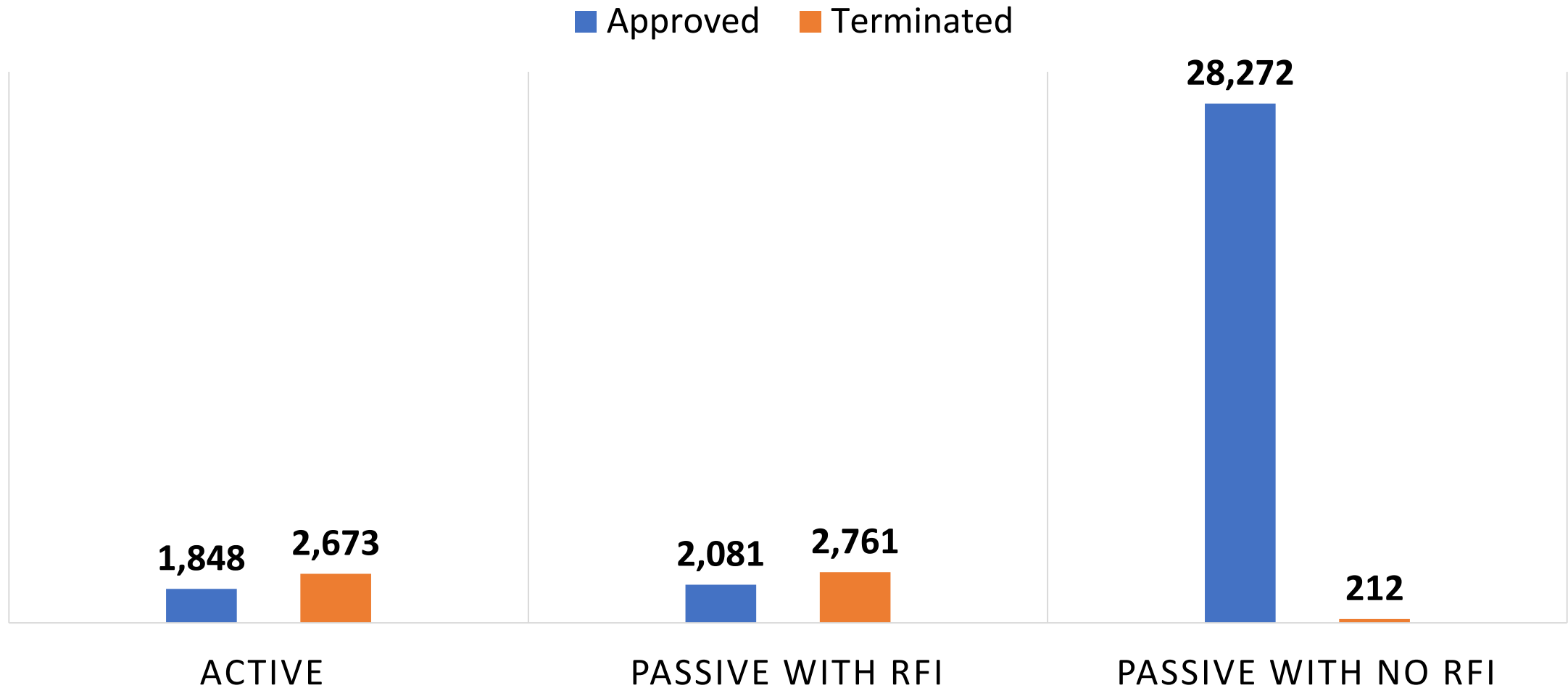
	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending
September	90,922	79,466	10,796	660

*Numbers are based on CMS Reports.

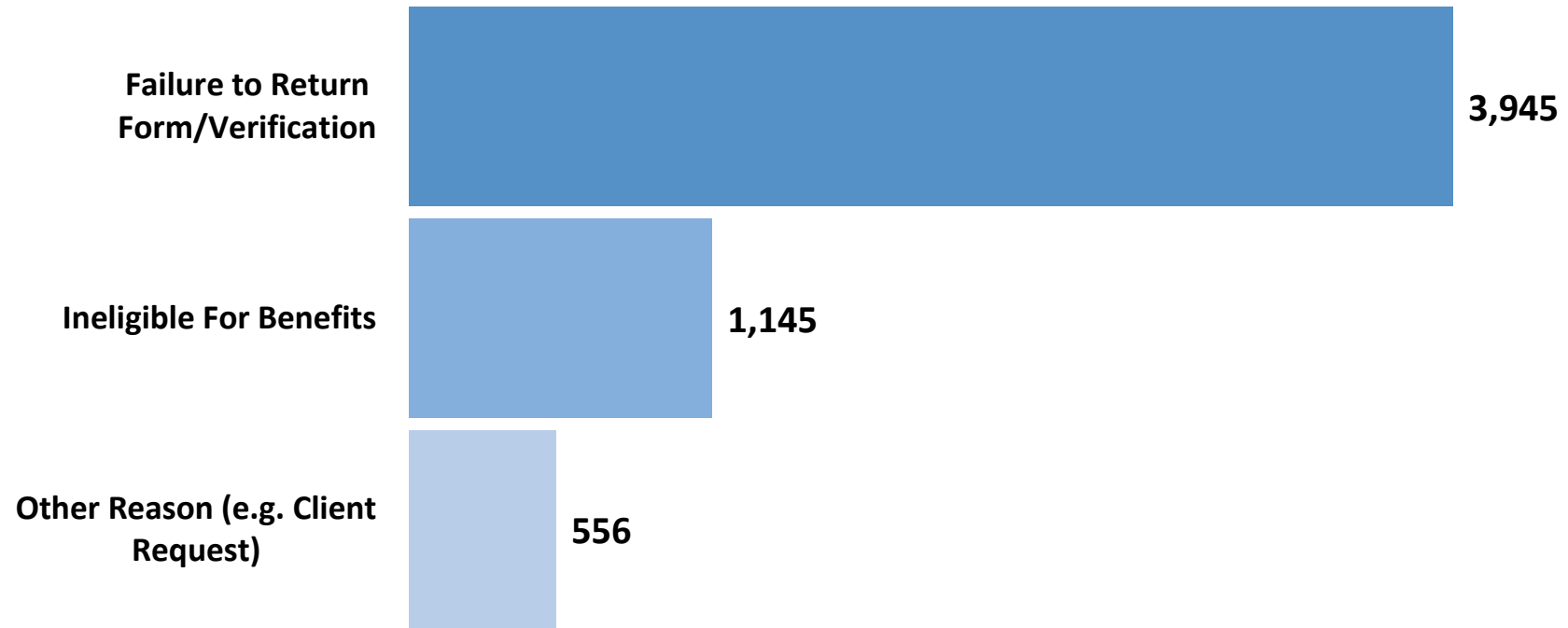
September 2025 Renewals By Age



September 2025 Child Renewals



September 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.

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?



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



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!



(855)-4kynect
www.kynect.ky.gov/healthcoverage



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.



Follow us on: 

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.

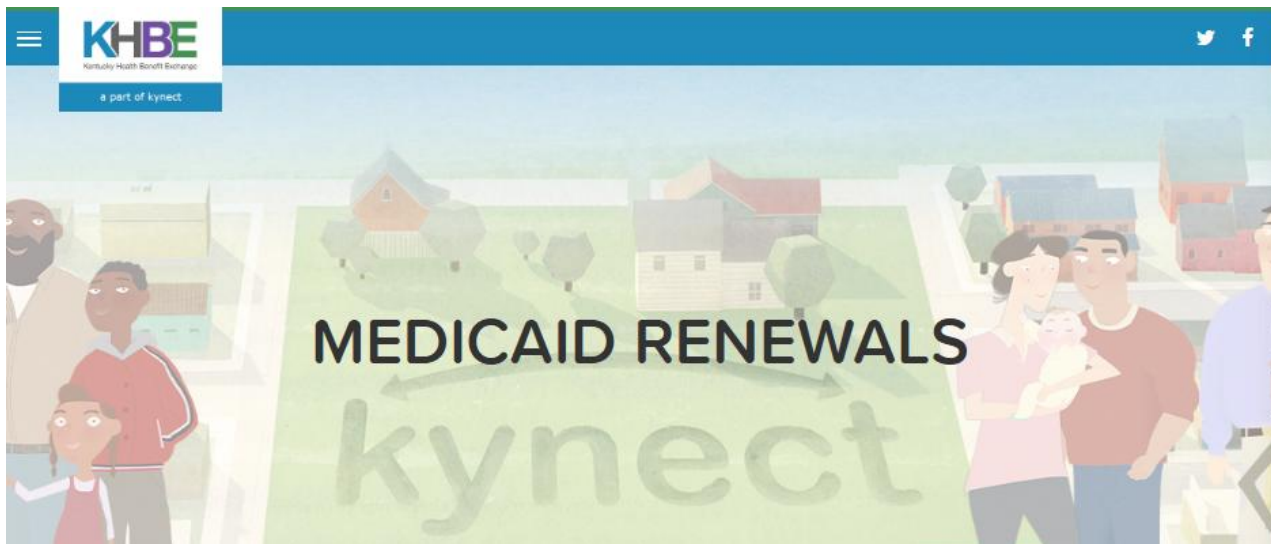
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KY Medicaid Website Resources

<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 - May 2024 Reporting Period - Updated](#)

- [May Data Demographic Report](#)

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

- [September 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:

September Virtual Forum Recording



[September Presentation Slides](#)

State Based Marketplace Updates

Enhanced Tax Credits

- Financial Assistance (Tax Credits) that lower insurance costs through Marketplaces like kynect will be substantially reduced because of current federal law
- Renewed push to US Congress to act this month
- KHBE emphasizing 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.
- All Bronze, Expanded Bronze, and Catastrophic Plans through kynect will be compatible with private Health Savings Account

1915(i) RISE Initiative



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1915(i) RISE Initiative

Recovery, Independence, Support, and Engagement

Expanding Medicaid Home & Community-Based Services for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

~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

- We recently certified our first provider, with 12 more currently in the review process.
- 100+ potential providers have registered to begin the Certification Application process.
- 150+ potential providers have registered for two “Office Hours” sessions each week, 3:00-4:00pm (ET), Mondays & Wednesdays. A quick Zoom registration allows you to attend any or all future meetings.



Reentry Status Update

1115 Reentry 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:

- 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.
- The Project Team is actively working to ensure system alignment across all platforms with systems testing occurring through 2025.
- DMS will continue to collaborate with Justice partners regarding the credentialing process with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).
- Provider training and readiness will continue through 2025 into early 2026.

Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Section 5121

Eligibility	Settings	Services
- Youth who are Medicaid eligible at incarceration or found Medicaid eligible during placement. - Under 21 or Former Foster Care FFC, age 18-26.	- DOC State Prisons. - DJJ 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 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.

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 on children and youth stepping out of acute inpatient care or at risk of out-of-home placement due to 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.

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 hands-on 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).

CALL FOR CHILD WAIVER PROVIDERS!



The Department for Medicaid Services is looking for providers that are interested in delivering services through the Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) waiver program.

Providers needed for:

- Case Management
- Clinical Therapeutic Services
- Community Living Supports
- Environmental and Minor Home Modifications
- Respite
- Supervised Residential Care

Service definitions and provider qualifications are available at <https://bit.ly/ProposedCHILDWaiver>

If you're interested in enrolling as a CHILD waiver provider, please complete the interest form at

<https://forms.office.com/g/L036Wetgmy>



Interested in becoming a CHILD Waiver Provider?

Complete the interest form at:

<https://forms.office.com/g/L036Wetgmy>

Provider outreach, enrollment, and training are expected to begin very soon!

Our Healthy Kentucky Home Spotlight

HEALTHY HABITS

TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH



EAT
Healthy Foods



EXERCISE
Regularly



ENGAGE
With Others

TO LEARN MORE VISIT:

OurHealthyKYHome.ky.gov

Our **HEALTHY** 
KENTUCKY Home

TEAM 
KENTUCKY





PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

PHYSICAL RESULTS

Regular physical activity is essential for maintaining a healthy weight and helps reduce the risk of obesity-related conditions.



- Try a variety of different activities to find ones you enjoy, such as walking your dog or swimming laps at the local pool
- If you enjoy an activity, you're more likely to stick with it
- Start with 30 minutes a day, three days a week
- Get an exercise buddy!



Social Engagement

- Can take many form:
 - Casual gatherings with friends and family
 - Volunteering for local initiatives
 - Participating in clubs that spark our interests
- It serves as a buffer against stress and anxiety, allowing us to navigate life's challenges with greater resilience
- People with strong social connections tend to experience lower levels of depression
- It helps to forge bonds that enrich our lives



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

**Community Health
Workers create healthier
communities.**

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Federal Shutdown

House Resolution 1 (119th Congress) Update

Rural Health Transformation Program

- **Overview**

- \$50 billion to be given out across federal fiscal years 2026 – 2030 (\$10 billion per year).
 - \$25 billion (half) to be shared among states that are awarded the funds **based on an application**.
 - \$25 billion (half) to be given to states **based on factors** such as their rural population, number of rural health facilities, and other state rural health needs.
- Applications are due November 5, 2025 – only one application per state.
- Grant funds will be awarded by December 31, 2025.

- **Program Goals**

- **Make Rural America Healthy Again:** Improve disease prevention in rural areas.
- **Sustainable Access:** Help rural providers become long-term access points for care.
- **Workforce Development:** Improve the health care workforce in rural areas.
- **Innovative Care:** Improve health outcomes and health care in rural areas.
- **Tech Innovation:** Promote use of technology for health care in rural areas.

[Subscribe](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/default.aspx) to the Kentucky Medicaid email distribution list to receive email notices about the Rural Health Transformation Plan.
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/default.aspx>

Medicaid Advisory Committee and Beneficiary Advisory Council

Beneficiary Advisory Council

- First meeting held on October 13, 2025
 - Conducted a private meeting, as permitted by 42 USC 431.12
- Elected the following officers:
 - Chair – Emily Beauregard
 - Vice Chair – Eric Wright
 - Secretary – Kelli Jo Blair
- Adopted Bylaws
- Established a meeting schedule – meetings will be private unless members vote to open a meeting to the public
 - 2:00-4:00 pm – Second Monday of every other month starting in January
 - January 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, November 16

Meeting Minutes, Bylaws and 2026 Meeting Schedule should be posted to the Beneficiary Advisory Council website in the next week - <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/bac.aspx>

Medicaid Advisory Committee

- First meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2025 – 2:00-4:00 pm
- Currently a virtual meeting (in-person option being explored)
- Primarily an organizational meeting to:
 - Elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
 - Review and adopt bylaws
 - Establish a regular meeting schedule

Link to join the Zoom meeting is on the Medicaid Advisory Committee website at <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/mac/pages/default.aspx>



Questions

Open call for topics of interest!

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

