



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

**Medicaid Monthly Virtual
Meeting
May 15, 2025**

Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
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- Department Updates
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- 1915(i) RISE

Our Healthy Kentucky Home



May: Women's Health

Simple steps such as eating 2 servings of fruits or vegetables daily, exercising at least 30 minutes 3 times per week and engaging with others to stay connected can help improve your health.

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH THROUGH SIMPLE STEPS



EAT
Healthy Foods



EXERCISE
Regularly



ENGAGE
With Others

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

In 2023, of women aged 18 and older...



15.6 %

were in fair or poor health



42.1%

Were Obese



9.2%

Smoked Cigarettes



6.4%

Had High Blood Pressure

BETTER NUTRITION — BETTER HEALTH

Women have unique
nutritional needs
that change
throughout different
stages of life.

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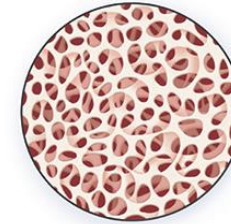
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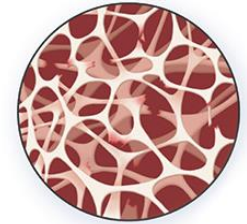
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- Osteoporosis causes bones to become weak and brittle — so brittle that a fall or even mild stresses such as bending over or coughing can cause a break. Osteoporosis-related breaks most commonly occur in the hip, wrist or spine.
- Bone is living tissue that is constantly being broken down and replaced. Osteoporosis occurs when the creation of new bone doesn't keep up with the loss of old bone.
- Osteoporosis affects men and women of all races. But white and Asian women, especially older women who are past menopause, are at highest risk. Medicines, healthy diet and **weight-bearing exercise** can help prevent bone loss or strengthen already weak bones
- The prevalence of osteoporosis at either the femur neck or lumbar spine or both among adult women aged 50 and over was **19.6%**

High bone density
Healthy



Low bone density
Osteoporosis



Healthy spine



Spine with
osteoporosis



Compression fracture

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Calcium helps protect and build strong bones and reduce the risk of osteoporosis. Your body stores calcium in your bones, so if you don't get enough calcium from food, your body will take calcium from your bones, making them weak and easily broken.

It helps messages go between your brain and muscles

Girls ages 9 to 18 need 1,300 milligrams (mg) of calcium each day. During this time, bones absorb calcium and build strong bones for adulthood and older age.

Adult women need 1,000 mg of calcium each day.

After menopause, you need 1,200 mg of calcium each day to help slow the bone loss that comes with aging.⁶

Low-fat or fat-free yogurt, cheese, and milk; foods with calcium added, such as some soy beverages, 100% orange juice, tofu, and cereals; canned salmon; and dark green leafy vegetables

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- Vitamin D with calcium, helps build strong bones and prevent [osteoporosis](#)
- Helps reduce inflammation in your cells
- Helps your immune system fight off germs that can make you sick
- Women who do not get much sunlight, are African-American, Hispanic, or Asian-American, Are postmenopausal, obese or have had gastric bypass surgery (weight loss surgery) are at increased risk of vitamin D deficiency
- It is found in fish like tuna and salmon, and fortified foods (low-fat or fat-free milk and some brands of orange juice, cereals, soy beverages, and yogurt)

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Make

Make a weekly meal plan. Whether you're single or cooking for a family, committing to a meal plan will help everyone be healthier.

- Decide ahead of time who is cooking which meal on which day.
- Meal plans do not have to be complicated. Just knowing that Monday night is pasta night, Tuesday night is taco night, and Wednesday night is homemade pizza night will help you tackle meal planning.
- Don't forget about healthy sides. Vegetables don't have to be fancy or take a lot of time to prepare. Look for precut salads or microwavable steamed vegetables without added sauce or seasonings.

Sub

Make healthy substitutions and additions. Find substitutions you can make in your favorite foods when cooking.

- Use low-fat options, like low-fat cottage or ricotta cheese, in pasta dishes.
- Cook with and drink fat-free or low-fat milk or fortified soy beverages instead of whole milk.
- If you eat meat often, try swapping in some seafood or bean dishes.
- If you have kids who don't like vegetables, try cutting the vegetables up very small or blending them into dishes like spaghetti, homemade pizza, or mac and cheese.

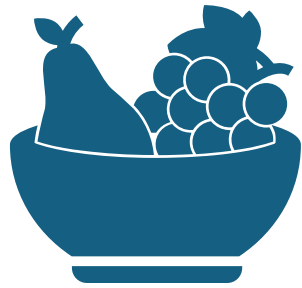
Eat

Eat most meals at home. Studies show that people who eat at home more often eat healthier and have a healthy weight.

- Turn off the TV and put any other screens away so you can focus on how much you're eating and how it tastes.
- Cook together with others so everyone knows how to prepare healthy meals.
- Search for recipes on the USDA's What's Cooking Web section.

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Check your local supermarket for the best in-season buys.

Fruits and vegetables from local farmers at a farmer's market are always in season.

Canned or frozen fruits and vegetables are also good choices, because they are usually picked at the peak of ripeness and packaged right away.



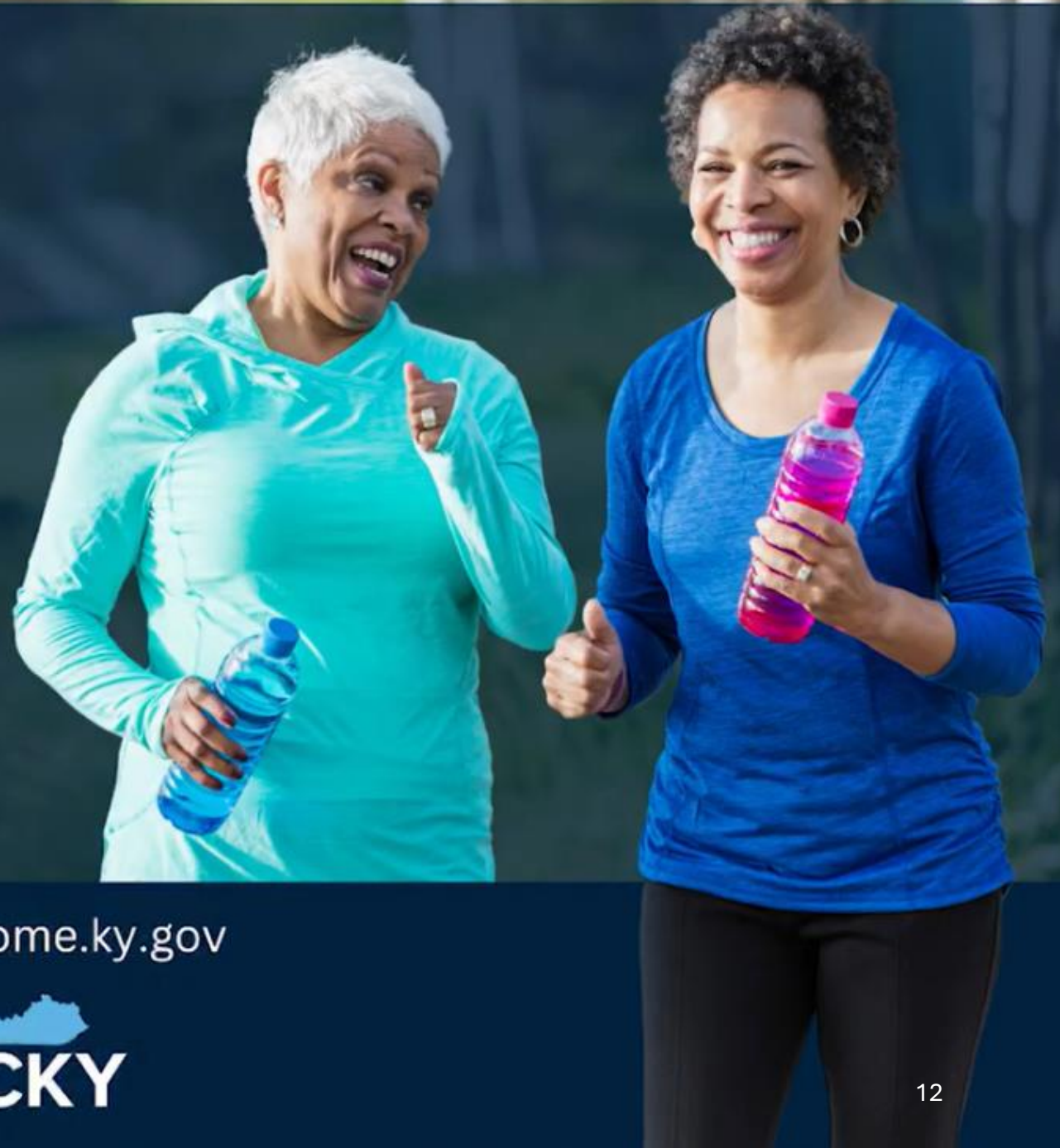
Spend most of your time and food budget in the outer aisles of the store. The outer aisles of the grocery store usually have whole foods, not processed foods. There you'll find healthier choices like fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, eggs, dairy products, and whole grains.

The inner aisles are more likely to have processed foods that are higher in fats, [added sugar](#), and sodium.

Look for low-fat or fat-free dairy products and lean meats, such as ground beef or poultry with 7% fat or less (93% lean).

PHYSICAL FITNESS *AT ANY AGE*

Learn ways you can
change your physical
activity routine to fit
your unique needs.



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Lean muscle mass declines with age. Experts recommend that adults engage in **muscle-strengthening exercises** at least two days per week. Don't worry; these workouts don't have to be long, and the weights don't need to be heavy. Grabbing a couple of canned goods to work the arm muscles is a good place to start.

Swimming, **walking**, and biking are fun exercises that boost endurance. These activities also allow you to spend time outdoors enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. Getting a total of 1.5 hours of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise each week can lower anxiety, reduce the risk of health problems, and give your heart and lungs a workout.

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Some older adults become less physically active over time. However, this doesn't mean **hydration** becomes less important with age. Health status, medications, and the weather can all influence how much water the body needs. Generally speaking, men are recommended to drink approximately 15.5 cups of fluid daily, while women are advised to consume about 11.5 cups each day

Without proper **sleep**, adults aged 50 and older may be at a greater risk for dementia, adults need 7-9 hours of sleep daily. Sticking to a regular bedtime, reducing blue light exposure, and creating a soothing bedroom environment can help improve sleep quality and support cognitive health as you age.

ENGAGE WITH OTHERS FOR BETTER HEALTH

Engaging with others can:

- ☒ Manage stress
- ☒ Reduce anxiety & depression
- ☒ Lead to a longer, healthier life

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A photograph of two women laughing and hugging. The woman on the left is Black, wearing glasses and a grey t-shirt. The woman on the right is white, wearing a red tank top. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

IMPROVE

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Learn new ways
you can improve
your health
through social
connections.

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Medicaid Renewals & Flexibilities Update

Medicaid PHE Flexibilities – Ending June 2025

DMS has multiple ongoing flexibilities in place to support members going through renewals. These will end June 30, 2025.

01

Continuous child coverage for 12 months for all children under age 19

02

One-month extensions to allow additional time all non-LTC and non-waiver members to respond to a notices

03

Up to three-month extension for LTC and waiver members to allow additional time to respond to notices

04

Allow an authorized representative signing an application or renewal form via the telephone **without a signed designation**

But messaging to members remains the same!

Messaging to Members



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



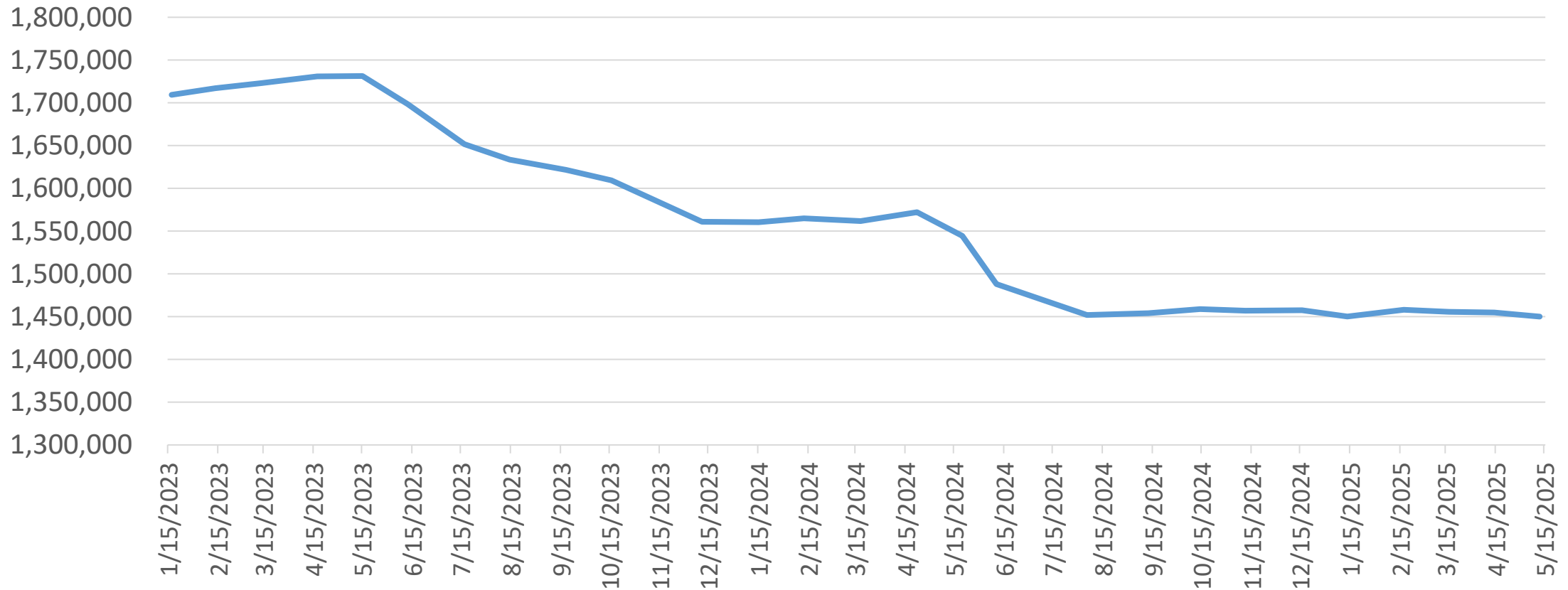
Respond to any letters you receive about Medicaid. You might hear from Medicaid through text, email, or letter. **Be sure to respond!**



You can get help anytime!
Contact a local health coverage navigator at kynect.ky.gov or call **855-4kynect (855-459-6328)**

Medicaid Enrollment Trend

Medicaid Enrollment: Jan 2023 through May 2025 Renewals



Unwinding Report Updates Posted – Cont'd

Original CMS Monthly Reports

	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending
Jan-24	79,053	67,748	10,899	22
Feb-24	93,004	64,789	10,128	1
Mar-24	97,962	70,358	7,932	72
Apr-24	103,265	70,170	15,887	226
May-24	94,705	51,534	37,461	816
Jun-24	58,959	41,336	13,187	1
Jul-24	40,719	36,036	1,187	0
Aug-24	36,136	31,823	979	2
Sep-24	52,369	45,833	1,234	1
Oct-24	61,174	52,815	1,557	4
Nov-24	38,540	30,194	1,334	5
Dec-24	38,604	33,235	819	1
Jan-25	70,736	61,288	1,945	1

90-Day
Processing Period

Updated CMS Monthly Reports*

	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending
Jan-24	79,053	67,758	10,911	0
Feb-24	93,004	64,780	10,128	0
Mar-24	97,962	70,404	7,958	0
Apr-24	103,265	70,266	16,017	0
May-24	94,705	51,938	37,873	0
Jun-24	58,959	41,337	13,187	0
Jul-24	40,719	36,036	1,187	0
Aug-24	36,136	31,825	979	0
Sep-24	52,369	45,833	1,235	0
Oct-24	61,174	52,817	1,558	1
Nov-24	38,540	30,199	1,334	0
Dec-24	38,604	33,236	819	0
Jan-25	70,736	61,289	1,945	0

22 processed

1 processed

72 processed

226 processed

816 processed

1 processed

0 processed

2 processed

1 processed

3 processed

5 processed

1 processed

1 processed

*Per CMS' Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility and Enrollment Data Specifications for Reporting During Unwinding, Updated October 2023, Version 3.

KY Medicaid Renewals* and Reinstatements

Individuals procedurally terminated on their renewal due date are given 90 days to respond and provide requested information. If they are determined eligible, coverage is **reinstated** back to their termination date. Months that are still within the 90-day window and are still processing reinstatements are included below.

	Individual Renewals	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Terminations	Pending	Extended	Reinstatements as of 05/09/25
February	67,936	59,672	1,703	3	6,558	1,228
March	76,683	67,120	1,708	0	7,855	867
April	75,162	64,401	1,798	0	8,763	451

*Numbers are based on CMS Reports.

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.

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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

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QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICAID? kynectors CAN HELP!

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

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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"



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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"



Follow us: 

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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Medicaid Member Toolkit Available on the DMS Member Website!

Available here

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

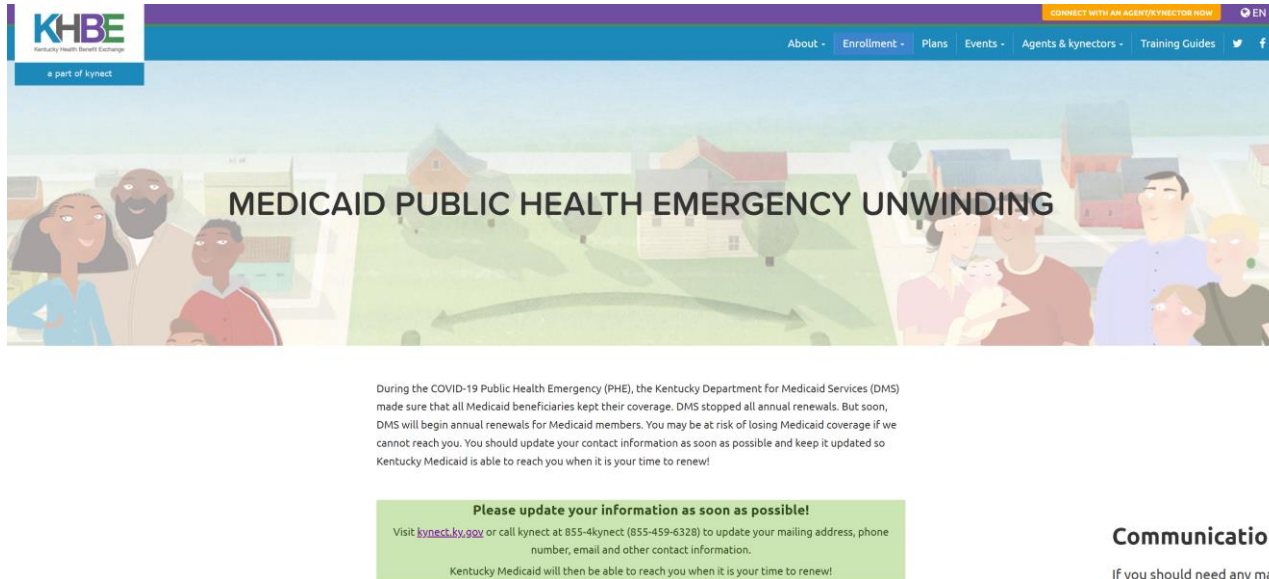


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KY PHE Website Resources

<https://medicaidunwinding.ky.gov>



Kentucky PHE Plans and Reports

Through the PHE Unwinding, Kentucky will be prioritizing transparency across all operations and progress through the unwinding. The following materials will provide insight to all operational plans and up-to-date information on our progress through the 12-month unwinding period. Additional reports will be added to this section as they are available.

- [Kentucky Unwinding Approach March 2023](#)
- [Kentucky PHE Flexibilities Tracker](#)
- [Renewal Redistribution Report](#)
- [System Artifact Report](#)

Stakeholder Session Information

KY PHE Reports

FAQs

Medicaid Member Information

Medicaid Provider Information

Communication Materials

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.

- [Member Information Brief](#) [español](#)
- [Member Renewals Information](#) [español](#)
- [Provider Information Brief](#)
- [Alternative Coverage Options](#) [español](#)
- [Qualified Health Plan \(QHP\)](#) [español](#)
- [Medicare Enrollment \(Members\)](#) [español](#)
- [Medicare Enrollment \(Provider\)](#)
- [How to Access Your Renewal Date](#)
- [How to Access Your Patient's Renewal Date](#)
- [KY PHE Renewal Pathway Brief](#)
- [Provider Renewals Guidance Document](#)

Stakeholder Sessions

In March, DMS hosted Stakeholder Engagement meetings to provide information about the PHE Unwinding and Medicaid renewals. You can find the materials from those sessions here:

- [Presentation Recording - KY PHE Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Recording March - YouTube](#)
- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [Kentucky Unwinding Stakeholder Frequently Asked Questions Document](#)

To help support Medicaid partners, DMS is holding virtual stakeholder forums.



Please join us for the [Monthly Stakeholder Meeting](#) every third Thursday at 11:00 am ET.

If you have any questions for DMS that you would like for us to speak to during the upcoming monthly meeting, please submit those questions through this [survey](#). Thank you!

In addition, Thursday, April 20th we will be hosting a Provider Informational session on Medicaid Renewals and the PHE unwinding. Please [register for the event](#) to learn about updates specific to providers and hear answers to some of your questions!

Restructuring Medicaid's Advisory Committee Framework

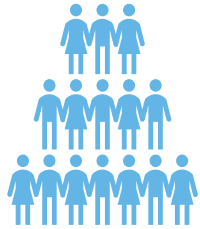
Medicaid Advisory Committee & Beneficiary Advisory Council

The *Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services* Final Rule has new federal requirements for a **Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)** and **Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)** effective July 9, 2025. (42 CFR 432.12)

- Virtual forums held on December 16, 2024 and December 18, 2024
- Survey conducted through December 30, 2024
- Presented on key takeaways and proposed legislation

- House Bill 789 proposed in the 2025 legislative session did not pass
- Regulations are being drafted, filing date still to be decided
- Launched on April 28, 2025 to comply by July 9

Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)



15 Members appointed by the DMS Commissioner:

- 10 current or former Medicaid members
- 5 parents, guardians, or caregivers of Medicaid beneficiaries



Some BAC members must also serve on the new Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC):

- 3 Medicaid members on the current Advisory Council have been asked to be on both the BAC and MAC
- 4 other BAC members will also be appointed to the MAC



Members initially selected for a 2-year, 3-year, or 4-year term so terms end at different times:

- After the initial terms, new appointees will serve a 4-year term
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Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)



Goal is to appoint members who represent the different Kentucky Medicaid programs and populations across the state.



Meetings will be at least quarterly, with the first one anticipated to be held in September 2025. The BAC must meet before the MAC.



Applications will be open until May 29, 2025:

- New website:
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/medicaidadvisory.aspx>
- Applicants will be notified by the end of June 2025
- The application and additional information is available online

For BAC Inquiries:

Email DMS.BAC@ky.gov

Phone (502) 219-2170

Or scan the QR code to visit the BAC website:



Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)



31 members appointed by the DMS Commissioner:

- 5 ex-officio members
 - 1 ex-officio from KRS 205.540
 - 4 new ones
- 14 members appointed by a nominating organization:
 - 13 authorized by KRS 205.540 (current Advisory Council)
 - 1 new Medicaid MCO position nominated by the Kentucky Association of Health Plans
- 5 consumer advocates authorized by KRS 205.540
- 7 new members from the BAC



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- The Kentucky Association of Health Plans nominee has a 1-year term
- Members may not serve back-to-back terms, but could be reappointed after a 4-year period



Advisory Council members with unexpired terms on 7/8/25 will be appointed to serve on the new MAC:

- 5 members in nominated positions
- 3 consumer advocate group positions



Advisory Council members with expired terms on 7/8/25 will not be automatically appointed. Those positions and any vacancies will be filled through a nomination or application for the new MAC.

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For MAC Inquiries:
Email KYMACTAC@ky.gov
Phone (502) 892-8366

Or scan the QR code to visit the MAC website:



Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

Accepting Applications

ORGANIZATION NOMINATION:*

KY Association of Hospice and Palliative Care

KY Dental Association

KY Hospital Association

KY Medical Association

KY Nurses Association

KY Optometric Association

KY Podiatry Medical Association

KY Primary Care Association

KY Association of Health Plans

**Applicants should contact the nominating organization before applying. Applications must come from the organization.*

DIRECT APPLICATION TO DMS:

Consumer Advocacy Group (Reentering Society)

Consumer Advocacy Group (Women)

Medicaid Managed Care Survey

Kentucky Medicaid Managed Care and SKY Programs: Stakeholder Survey

- DMS has requested Myers and Stauffer to survey stakeholders for input and recommendations for improvement for both managed care programs.
- The survey is open through May 30, 2025, and can be accessed at the below link or QR code:
 - <http://bit.ly/KYMedicaidManagedCareSurvey>



Behavioral Health Prior Authorization

Behavioral Health Prior Authorizations

- HB 695 enacted in the 2025 legislative session requires reinstatement of behavioral health prior authorizations (PA) within 90 days
- DMS sent an [April 8, 2025 Provider Letter](#) notifying providers that:
 - The [March 24, 2025 Provider Letter](#) regarding the resumption of certain services is rescinded
 - The [November 8, 2024 Provider Letter](#) for psychoeducation (H2027) and Peer Support Services (H0038) is rescinded as it relates to service limits and PAs. The rates, service description, provider types that can delivery and other billing guidelines remain in full force and effect.
- DMS instructed managed care organizations to provide no less than a 30-day notice, offer training prior to and after the restart of PAs, and provide one-on-one support and other considerations for a smooth transition.

Behavioral Health Prior Authorizations

Managed Care Organization Contact Numbers

Aetna

1-855-454-0061

UnitedHealthcare

1- 866-633-4449

Humana Healthy Horizons

1-800-444-9137

WellCare

1-877-389-9457

Passport by Molina

1-800-578-0775

New 1115 Demonstration: Community Engagement Waiver

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Overview of Proposed Community Engagement Program
3. Public Forums
4. Public Notice and Comment Process

Please note: We are currently in the official public comment phase and can not perform Q/A during this forum. The information to the public notice and the comment process will be at the end of the presentation.

Introduction

1. To comply with Kentucky House Bill 695, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is requesting federal approval to implement a Community Engagement Program.
2. To request federal approval, CHFS is submitting a Section 1115 Demonstration proposal to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
3. The CHFS Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) plans to implement the Community Engagement Program within 24 months after receiving federal approval.

What is the Community Engagement Program?

- In 2025, Kentucky passed House Bill 695. This law instructs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to start a Community Engagement Program.
- With this new program, CHFS will automatically refer certain Medicaid members to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) for job support and coaching.
- The DWD will reach out to these members to provide information about job assistance.

Which Medicaid Members Are Impacted?

The Community Engagement Program will apply to individuals in the Medicaid expansion eligibility group who:

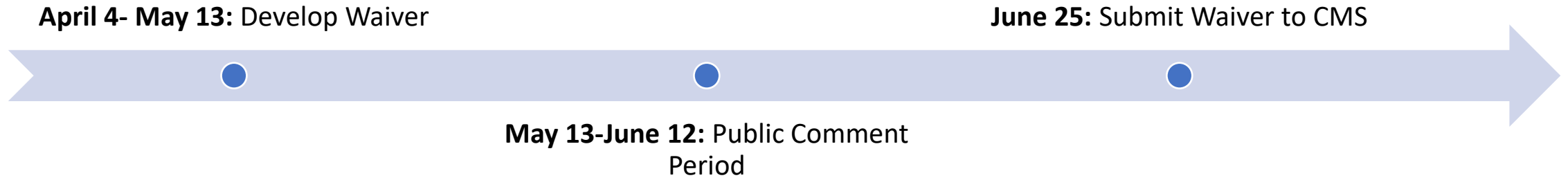
- Have been enrolled in Medicaid for more than 12 months.
- Are between the ages of 19 and 60 years of age.
- Are physically and mentally able to work as defined by the Cabinet.
- Are not caregivers of a dependent child under age 18 or a dependent disabled adult relative.

Member Exemptions

CHFS will exempt Medicaid expansion eligibility group members who meet at least one of the following conditions from automatic referral to DWD :

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals under 19 or over 60 years of age.• Individuals responsible for care of a dependent child under age 18 or a dependent disabled adult relative.• Individuals with:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A diagnosed substance use disorder or serious mental illness.- A chronic disease as determined by CHFS.- An acute medical condition (physical and/or behavioral) that would prevent them from complying with requirements.• Individuals whose eligibility has been determined based on disability or who have been deemed disabled by the Social Security Administration.• Individuals with verified earned income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance income benefits.• Pregnant women.• Individuals who are homeless or who were recently homeless for up to six months post-housing.• Individuals who are victims of domestic violence.• Individuals who have recently been directly impacted by a catastrophic event such as a natural disaster or the death of a family member living in the same household.• Individuals already participating in a workforce participation program that CHFS has determined meets the objective of the Community Engagement Waiver Program (e.g., SNAP).• Former foster youth up to age 26.• Other good cause exceptions as approved by CHFS.
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Community Engagement Waiver Timeline



Anticipated Post-Approval Timeline for the Community Engagement 1115 Waiver

- **Implementation Plan:** Submit 90-120 days post-approval; 60 days for corrections after CMS feedback
- **Monitoring Protocol:** Submit 120-150 days post-approval
- **Evaluation Design:** Submit 120-180 days post-approval
- **Midpoint Assessment:** Within 90 days after the third year after approval
- **Final Evaluation Report:** Within 18 months after the end of the Demonstration

Public Forums

Two Public Forums will be held to provide additional details on the Community Engagement Program.

Public Forum #1 (VIRTUAL ONLY):

Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 10:00AM -11:00AM EST

Join on your computer or mobile app via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87343193242?pwd=s3uEpNTJvZMbZO9NcacK3hqGhwflSg.1>

Zoom Passcode: 217974

Call in (audio only): (713) 353-0212 or (888) 822-7517, Conference ID: 729573

Public Forum #2 (IN-PERSON ONLY):

Friday, May 23, 2025, at 10:00AM – 11:00AM EST

Join in-person at: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622, Auditorium C105

Public Notice and Comment Process

- To comply with federal regulations, CHFS will follow guidelines and procedures for collecting, reviewing, and responding to public comments.
- A draft of the Demonstration application and public notice are available and can be viewed at: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/Medicaid-SUD-1115-Waiver.aspx>
- Comments or inquiries can be submitted via email received **on or before June 12, 2025** to: KY1115CommEngagement@mslc.com. Please include in the subject line “*1115 Community Engagement Comments*.”
- Written comments must be postmarked **by June 12, 2025** and mailed to:
Kentucky Medicaid Section 1115 Comment
c/o DMS Commissioner’s Office
275 E. Main St. 6W-A Frankfort, KY 40621



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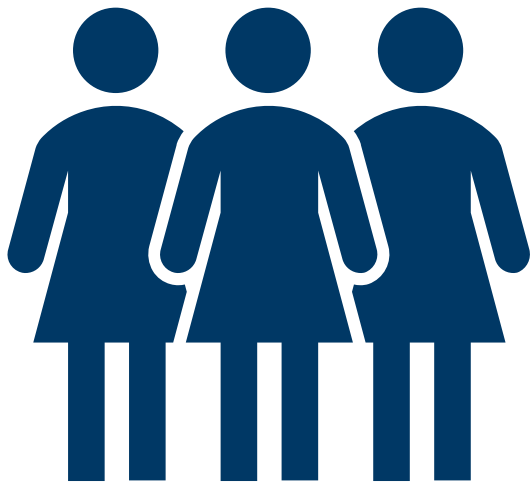
1915(i) RISE

Kentucky Medicaid Monthly Stakeholder Forum

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What is a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment



States can develop a 1915(i) SPA HCBS program to:

- Allow states to define a target population to receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).
- Define supports and services included in the benefit.
- Target a program and its services to one or more populations using needs-based eligibility criteria.
- Offer the benefit **state-wide** to eligible individuals. Services offered within Medicaid state plans are available state-wide and with no capped slots.
- Offer HCBS to people who do not yet meet the institutional level of care requirements (e.g., qualify for a nursing home).

What is the 1915(i) RISE Initiative?



- A new Medicaid benefit under Kentucky's 1915(i) State Plan Amendment
- Designed for adults with a primary diagnosis of Serious Mental Illness (SMI), with or without Addiction
- Brings 10 essential support services into communities
- Available Summer 2025

1915(i) RISE Initiative Principles

- **Recovery**
- **Independence**
- **Support**
- **Engagement**

RISE reflects the initiative's focus; Helping individuals RISE above their challenges through services that promote recovery, independence, and community engagement.

Enhance
Community
Based Supports

Foster Participant
Independence

Prevent
Institutionalization

Promote Person-
Centered Care
Approach

Who Qualifies for 1915(i) RISE Initiative Benefit?



- Adults age 18+ and enrolled in Kentucky Medicaid
- Primary diagnosis of SMI or co-occurring SUD
- Must demonstrate clear evidence of functional impairment as demonstrated by the individual needing assistance in two or more of the following:
 - Societal functioning, Interpersonal functioning, daily living/personal care functioning, physical functioning and/or cognitive/intellectual functioning as evidenced by the criteria established in the InterRAI Community mental health assessment tool.

1915(i) RISE Initiative Services



1. Supervised Residential Care



2. In-Home Independent Living Supports



3. Housing & Tenancy Supports



4. Supported Employment



5. Supported Education



6. Transportation



7. Medication Management



8. Planned Respite for Caregivers



9. Assistive Technology



10. Case Management

1915(i) RISE Initiative Provider



- Streamlined certification and onboarding to Medicaid enrollment
- Full training and ongoing technical assistance
- Fee-for-service Medicaid payments for 10 services
- No managed care contracting — direct billing through Kentucky Medicaid
- Be part of a transformational, statewide initiative

1915(i) RISE Initiative

- Providers – Interested in becoming a provider – 1915iriseprovider@ky.gov reach out with your interest and be added to the list-serv for more specific information.
- Potential participants – 1915iriseinitiative@ky.gov to obtain more information.
- Website – **Coming Soon! Under Construction!**
<https://dbhdid.ky.gov/1915iriseinitiative>

Questions?

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Questions

Open call for topics of interest!

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

