

KENTUCKY HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

August 06, 2026

Updates and Reports:

- **State-Based Marketplace** – For Plan Year 2027, Open Enrollment will run from November 1, 2026, through January 15, 2027, with a December 15 deadline for coverage effective January 1. KHBE is transitioning kynector and agent training to a new Learning Management System, with a shortened refresher training and single recertification test planned for Plan Year 2027. Federal changes will generally maintain current income verification processes, while individuals age 30 and older will be able to enroll in Catastrophic Plans by attesting to a hardship exemption. Beginning in 2027, several Medicaid changes will take effect, including new non-citizen eligibility rules, work or community engagement requirements, more frequent renewals for the expansion population, and reduced retroactive coverage periods. As of August 4, 2026, KHBE had 78,814 members enrolled for Plan Year 2026, with 76,438 members having effectuated coverage.
- **kynector Outreach** – John Pasztor provided updates regarding the kynector Program. He highlighted statistics regarding referrals made by contracted kynectors, with the highest number of referrals going to DCBS and Other Community Resources. Additionally, John reviewed Enrollment Actions broken down by organization, with the highest number of actions attributed to New Applications and General Case Inquiries. Finally, with Back-to-School events taking place across the Commonwealth, John featured photos of five different kynectors participating at schools throughout Kentucky.

Subcommittees

- **Behavioral Health Subcommittee** – No update.
- **Outreach, Education and Enrollment Subcommittee** – Mark Kleiner provided an update from the July Outreach, Education and Enrollment Subcommittee.
- **Qualified Health Plan Subcommittee** – No update.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2026