

ANNUAL STATUS REPORT



The Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for
Individuals with Intellectual and Other Developmental
Disabilities

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Governor Andy Beshear
and the General Assembly
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KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with KRS 210.577(3), the Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities respectfully submits the following report for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities was created and established by KRS 210.575 through the enactment of House Bill 144 by the 2000 General Assembly. This commission, hereafter referred to as the HB 144 Commission (commission), serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the service system that affects the lives of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (IDD).

MEMBERSHIP

The commission's membership in 2025 included 24 positions representing an array of agency partners and community members. Thirteen of these positions are appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms and include representation of family members, provider organizations, advocacy groups, and self-advocates. Four members of the General Assembly are appointed, and the remaining members are stipulated in KRS 210.575 and include representation from the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), departments within CHFS, the University Center for Excellence in Disabilities at the University of Kentucky, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Kentucky Department of Education, and the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

The commission organized committees in September 2019 based on identified areas of need. During fiscal year (FY) 2019, each committee determined 5-year goals respective to the identified area of need. Committee membership is inclusive of agency representation and community members with special interest and/or expertise in the respective committee's goals and objectives.

The committee structure is organized as follows:

- Employment Committee collaborates with the Employment First Council, and other similar initiatives to advance Kentucky as an Employment First state, including a review of transportation needs.
- Community Education/Outreach Committee is responsible for the topical areas of resources and self-advocacy.
- Health/Wellness Committee is responsible for the topical areas of psychotropic

medication usage, inclusion of individuals with complex medical needs, increased capacity of specialty clinics, and crisis intervention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

During FY 2025, it was decided the committees would take a hiatus due to the number of members who were unavailable to participate in or lead committees and committee initiatives.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

During the 2025 fiscal year the commission met in September, December, March and June. The project manager from the Human Development Institute presented to the Commission in December and June the National Core Indicator (NCI) Data and the NCI Quality Assurance Advisory Committee's recommendations. All commission members received copies of the presented material.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During the FY 2025 reporting period, the commission did not put forth new recommendations; however, the following recommendations made in FY 2024 remain active.

2024 RECOMMENDATION 4: We recommend the Department for Medicaid Services and the appropriate division within the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet conduct a series of town halls across the commonwealth to inform ongoing policy amendments related to the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program and other Home and Community Based Waiver programs that include, or may include, transportation services. Future policy amendments should be reflective of information gathered during the town hall forums and address identified concerns and barriers as highlighted by participants' lived experiences. The committee further recommends these town halls be available as in-person events in each of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Regions. A minimum of two (2) additional town hall events should be conducted virtually to accommodate Medicaid participants, family members, or participant case managers unable to attend an in-person event.

Progress towards completion: Town halls occurred across the commonwealth during FY 2024 and FY 2025 providing the Department for Medicaid Services with information regarding desired policy changes to the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program and other Home and Community Based Waiver programs that include, or may include, transportation services.

The Department for Medicaid Services continues to analyze and utilize information gathered during these town hall meetings to effect policy changes or pursue programmatic changes that will address the concerns of individuals with lived experience. During FY 2025, the commission received quarterly updates from the Department for Medicaid Services of changes within programs that were specific to individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

STATUS UPDATES

During FY 2024, recommendations 1 and 2 were accomplished and recommendation 3 was

determined to already be in place.

2024 RECOMMENDATION 1: We recommend the Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DDID) and Department for Medicaid (DMS) incorporate content on the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Medicaid program in the Case Manager Training materials. Furthermore, we recommend that personnel from the NEMT Medicaid program be invited to present how the NEMT programs works and how case managers may use the program effectively to future Case Manager Training sessions.

Outcome: The Case Management Training materials for new case managers now contains content on the NEMT Medicaid program. Case Management Training is provided on a quarterly basis for new case managers. The updated content was included in the training beginning on February 28, 2024, and at that time, personnel familiar with the NEMT Medicaid program began delivering this information to new case managers.

2024 RECOMMENDATION 2: We recommend the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Medicaid program create a printed brochure or fact sheet containing the information recently uploaded on their website. Furthermore, it is recommended that the NEMT program provide printed or printable versions to the following agencies for distribution to individuals, families, and appropriate agencies: Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DDID), University of Kentucky's Human Development Institute (UK-HDI), and Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD).

Outcome: Printed information was and continues to be included in the Case Manager Training that is a regulatory requirement for new case managers providing services through the Supports for Community Living Medicaid waiver program. Furthermore, the Transportation Cabinet continues to make available printable copies of the information on the cabinet's website related to scheduling Non-Emergency Medical Transportation upon request.

2024 RECOMMENDATION 3: We recommend the Department for Medicaid Services, Division of Program Operations (DPO) allocate a position to serve as a transportation help desk position to assist individuals with disabilities, or their representatives including case managers, locate appropriate funding and/or services within the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program or other Medicaid waiver programs that provides access to the individual's community. Transportation needs for community access include, but are not limited to, activities such as employment, procurement of food or other items of necessity, access to religious activities, and access to recreational events.

Outcome: It was determined that both the Department for Medicaid Services and the Transportation Cabinet's Office of Transportation Delivery had and continue to have personnel available during normal business hours to answer questions or address concerns of Medicaid participants related to the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

It has been a privilege for the Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals

with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the needs of persons with I/DD. Commission members extend their gratitude to Governor Beshear for his continued support of programs related to I/DD supporting their decisions to live, work, and thrive in their local communities. The commission also extend our appreciation to the members of the General Assembly for their continued support of quality services across the lifespan for individuals with I/DD. Along with the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, the commission looks forward to meeting its goals to improve the quality of supports for the citizens of Kentucky.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities extends it appreciation to the members of the commission for their advocacy on behalf of Kentucky's citizens with I/DD. Their continued advocacy has positively produced change in such efforts as competitive and integrated employment, community inclusion, and improving the health and wellness of people with disabilities across the lifespan.