TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Kentucky Department of Medicaid, Commissioner Lisa Lee

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SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Alternative Benefit Plan State Plan

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Kentucky Medicaid Program Public Notice of Alternative Benefit Plan

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) announces its intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), amending Kentucky Medicaid Program's alternative benefit plan (ABP). The ABP is the plan by which Kentucky expanded Medicaid coverage to people ages 19 through 64 with income at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level as allowed by the Affordable Care Act. ABPs are aligned with the Medicaid State Plan regarding service coverage and must be updated to reflect changes made to that Plan. SPA 25-0009 updates the ABP to reflect the following amendment to the Medicaid State Plan, along with the SPA number and fiscal impact:

> **KY 24-0018:** Updates to provide screening and diagnostic services and targeted case management for eligible juveniles to comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2023, Section 5121 guidance for pre-release services. (2025: $1,513,440); (2026: $2,017,920). These pre-release screening and diagnostic services and targeted case management will be provided to juveniles under 21 years of age and former foster care youth, ages 18-26, who are covered under the state plan as described in section 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Act.

In making this public announcement, DMS is outlining its alternative benefit plan and soliciting public comment regarding the plan. Instructions on how to submit comments are stated at the bottom of this notice.

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

Public Comments

If you wish to submit written comments regarding this notice, please do so by emailing them to medicaidrates@ky.gov or by dropping them off at the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office in your county, or by mailing them to the following address:

Department for Medicaid Services
ABP Comments
Commissioner's Office, 6W-A
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

The following website can be used to find the address of your local DCBS office:
https://prd.webapps.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx