

## **KENTUCKY MEDICAID PROGRAM**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

October 24, 2022

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services (the Department) in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205, hereby provides public notice of changes to the children's advocacy center services and reimbursement language in its State Plan effective January 1, 2023. These changes arise from legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in April 2022.

The State Plan language will be changed to align with KRS 205.557 to reflect the methodology for increasing Medicaid reimbursement for child medical evaluations performed by children's advocacy centers. Child medical evaluations may now include at least one of the following:

1. A medical history taken from the child and a nonimplicated parent, guardian, or primary caretaker;
2. A comprehensive physical examination;
3. Laboratory services;
4. Photo documentation;
5. Follow-up evaluation; or
6. A mental health screening to determine the impact of the alleged abuse on the mental health status of the child and the need for mental health services;

Language will also be changed to ensure that children's advocacy centers are reimbursed by the Department at the true and actual cost of the child medical evaluation.

#### **Fiscal Impact: \$1,419,600.00**

Modifying the rate setting methodology will create a fiscal impact. The annual impact would be dependent on actual provider expenditures for a given year, which may materially fluctuate. Based on a sample of one cost report year, the Department for Medicaid Services estimates that an annual total (state and federal) fiscal impact will be \$1,419,600 increase in costs.

#### **Public Comments**

A copy of this notice is available for public review at the Department for Medicaid Services at the address listed below. Comments or inquiries may be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days to:

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