

Kentucky Medicaid Program Public Notice
PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAID
PAYMENT RATES FOR VENTILATOR FACILITIES

July 1, 2026

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services (the Department) in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205, hereby provides public notice of proposed changes to the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse Ventilator Facilities. The proposed effective date of change is January 1, 2026.

The Department is amending its State Plan to comply with the 2026 Kentucky State Budget (HB 500). The budget includes appropriations to increase the all-inclusive daily payment rate for hospital-based ventilator-dependent facilities that operate a distinct part ventilator unit with more than 100 beds and a dedicated pediatric unit with 12 or more beds. This amendment will increase the daily payment rate from \$982.00 to \$1,220.00 and comply with 907 KAR 1:025(6).

The Department for Medicaid Services estimates the total fiscal impact will be \$8,587,401. The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and may be modified or revised during the approval process.

Public Comments:

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. A copy of this notice is available for public review at the Department for Medicaid Services at the address listed below. It is recommended to include the name of the public notice in the subject line. Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice to the Division of Healthcare Policy at DMSSPAS@KY.GOV.