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To: 1915(c) Waiver Providers

From: Lisa Lee, Commissioner
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Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

Date: April 21, 2026

RE: Participant Directed Services Transition to Waiver Operating Agencies

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is undertaking a series of improvement initiatives regarding 1915C waivers. The Cabinet is streamlining the financial management operations. Additionally, in response to guidance received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is notifying providers that the oversight of Participant Directed Services (PDS) will be transitioning from the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) to the associated waiver operating agencies.

This will be a phased approach, with PDS duties transitioning gradually over the course of the next several months. Full transition of all PDS responsibilities to the waiver operating agencies is anticipated to be completed by January 1, 2027.

The table provided illustrates the upcoming changes to align PDS oversight to the associated waiver operating agency.

1915(c) Waiver Program	January 1, 2027 PDS Operating Agency	Contact
Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Acquired Brain Injury Long-Term Care (ABI-LTC)	Department for Medicaid Services	844-784-5614 1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov
Michelle P. (MPW) Supports for Community Living (SCL)	Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID)	502-564-7700 DDID.info@ky.gov
Home and Community Based (HCB)	Department for Aging and Independent Living	877-315-0589 HCBInquiries@ky.gov
Model II (MIIW) Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD)	No PDS Option Department for Medicaid Services oversight of all services.	844-784-5614 1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov

The Cabinet will schedule a meeting with your agencies at the end of May to discuss the 1915C Waiver improvement processes. DMS, DAIL, and DBHDID are committed to ensuring this is a smooth, successful transition for providers and participants. The Cabinet appreciates your agencies' dedication to your communities and the positive impact you make on people across the Commonwealth.

Please direct questions to current department contacts for PDS issues until notified to transition to the new operating agency.