



KENTUCKY CABINET FOR
HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Appendix K Update Webinar
March 31, 2022

Department for Medicaid Services
Division of Community Alternatives

Appendix K Update Meeting

Question and Answer Session Information

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Appendix K Recap

Extra appendix of the 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver application

Used in emergencies situations to make **temporary** updates

Addresses programmatic needs and participant health, safety, and welfare

Appendix K Recap

Appendix K Amendment #1 – March 2020

Increased limits, expanded services, and other policy updates




Appendix K Amendment #3 – March 2022

Provider qualification, service updates, and near-term provider payment relief

Appendix K Amendment #2 - March 2021

Expanded some services and provider types and clarified policies

Update #1: Provider Qualifications

- Service(s) 
 - Case Management
- Waiver(s) 
 - All, except Model II
- Update 
 - Educational requirements modified to allow hiring of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) and individuals with an Associate's degree or relevant experience

Update #1: Provider Qualifications

Service(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respite• Personal Care/Personal Assistance• Attendant Care• Residential Staff
Waiver(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All, except Model II
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum age requirement reduced from 21 to 18

Update #2: Service Expansion

Service(s)



- Residential

Waiver(s)



- ABI and ABI LTC

Update



- Increase number of individuals in a residential setting to maximum of five (5)
- Add Technology Assisted Residential to service menu

Update #3: Temporary Rate Increases

Rates for the following **traditional** services will be increased by 50% of the most recently approved reimbursement rate.*

- Attendant Care
- Case Management (**HCB & MPW only**)
- Community Access
- Community Guide
- Community Living Supports
- Community Transition
- Companion
- Homemaker
- Non-Specialized Respite/Respite
- Personal Assistance/Personal Care
- Skilled Services by an LPN (Model II)
- Skilled Services by an RN (Model II)
- Specialized Respite
- Residential
- PDS Coordination (**HCB only**)

**Rates for ABI/ABI LTC, HCB, Model II, and MPW are available in each waiver's corresponding Kentucky Administrative Regulation. SCL rates are available at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/ProviderLetters/sclrateincreaseletter.pdf>.*

Providers agencies receiving this increase must submit documented attestation to DMS that 85% of the increase reimbursement will be passed on to direct service workers through pay increases, hiring/retention bonuses, or other incentives.

Update #4: Retainer Payments

- The Department may provide up to three episodes of 30 consecutive days per beneficiary of retainer payments to both adult day health care and adult day training providers in addition to the initial retainer payments issued in 2020.
- Eligibility is based on measurable declines in reimbursement when comparing claims in the 90 days prior to the federal public health emergency to present utilization.
- Provider agencies must attest:
 - Workers will not be laid off and wages will stay at existing levels.
 - It did not receive funding from other sources that exceeds its revenue from the last full quarter before the federal public health emergency began. This may include unemployment benefits or Small Business Association loans.
- Provider agencies may be recouped if:
 - There is inappropriate billing.
 - There is duplicate payment or duplicate use of funding streams.
 - The retainer payment received in combination with other funding exceeds agency revenue from the last full quarter before the federal public health emergency began.
- CHFS Secretary will have final approval of payments.

Next Steps

The approved Appendix K amendment will be posted online by close of business today (March 31)

MMIS, MWMA, and EVV System changes in progress – changes will be retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Attestation Forms, Retainer Payment Request forms and instructions to be released soon.

These Appendix K changes are effective retroactive to January 1, 2022.

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Upcoming Stakeholder Engagement

1915(c) Rate Study Cost & Wage Survey

Survey Release - April 7

April 12
3-4 p.m. Eastern

April 13
9-10 a.m. Eastern

Register at

<https://bit.ly/kyHCBSCostWageSurvey>

Contact Us

Division of Community Alternatives Website

<https://bit.ly/kyhcbswaiverinfo>

Enhanced FMAP and Rate Study Updates

<https://bit.ly/improvingKYHCBS>

Waiver policy and case-specific questions

1915(c) Waiver Help Desk

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thank you!