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Public Notice

**Public Comment Period for Proposed Addition to Kentucky's 1915(c) Home and
Community Based Services Waivers
June 16, 2025**

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is holding a public comment period for the following new 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver:

- Kentucky Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) Waiver

DMS is developing the Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) 1915(c) waiver to serve children and youth until the age of 21 who meet a Hospital-Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care. The primary goal of the CHILD 1915(c) program is to keep children, youth, and young adults with multi-system needs and complexities safe, healthy, and to the extent feasible, independent, within their communities and families. Additionally, the CHILD waiver aims to serve children, youth, and young adults regardless of custody arrangement and is dedicated to a holistic approach to addressing high-intensity needs with a support system as determined by the enrolled participant. Priority enrollment is granted to children who are in the State's custody, at risk of being unhoused or are currently unhoused or are leaving an institutional setting.

The proposed waiver application and summary of the waiver eligibility, services, and policies are available for review. All materials are posted on the [DMS Division of Long-Term Services and Supports website](#). The formal public comment period begins **June 16, 2025**. DMS will **receive comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on July 15, 2025**. The formal public comment period is being held in accordance with 42 CFR 441.304(f), in which CMS requires states to engage the public before submitting substantive waiver changes for approval.

How to Make a Public Comment

To submit an official public comment during the formal public comment period, please use one of the following methods of submission:

1. **Email:** Please submit comments by email to MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov
2. **Phone:** Please contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at (844) 784-5614. A DMS staff member will record your comments for review.
3. **Mail:** Department for Medicaid Services
Division of Long-Term Services and Supports
Attn: 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Public Comment
275 E. Main St., 6W-B
Frankfort, KY 40621

For the formal public comment period, please provide the following information with your submission.

1. Contact Information
 - If you are **commenting as an individual**, please submit contact information.
 - If you are **commenting on behalf of a provider**, please include the provider's name and your contact information.
 - If you are **commenting on behalf of an organization or association**, please include the organization's name and your contact information.
2. Comment
 - You may submit comments on the waiver as a whole or on specific parts of the waiver. When providing specific comments, please be clear on which areas you are commenting on. **Please do not include personal health information in your comments. Your comments may be shared publicly.**

What Happens After I Make a Public Comment?

DMS will review and publicly respond to comments received between June 16, 2025, and July 15, 2025, as part of the waiver amendment process.

DMS is dedicated to recognizing and considering public input at any time. It is important to note that DMS continuously accepts comments about the waiver programs. Comments submitted before June 16, 2025, and after July 15, 2025, are addressed through DMS staff interaction. You can request this document or the proposed waiver application in paper form by contacting the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov or by calling (844) 784-5614.

A printed copy of this notice and the proposed waiver application are also available for review in Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) regional family support offices. You can [find your local DCBS office online](#).