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Public Notice
Public Comment Period for Renewal of the Home and Community Based and Model II
Waivers
March 13, 2025

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is holding a public comment period for two of Kentucky's six (6) 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers, which are listed below:

- Home and Community Based (HCB)
- Model II Waiver (MIIW)

1915(c) HCBS waivers expire every five years. The current versions of HCB and MIIW approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expire this year. To continue providing HCB and MIIW services, DMS must renew these waivers with CMS.

The formal public comment period begins **March 13, 2025**. DMS will **receive comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern on April 13, 2025**. The formal public comment period is being held in accordance with 42 CFR 441.304(f), in which CMS requires states to engage their stakeholders before submitting substantive waiver changes for approval.

Proposed Waiver Amendments

The renewal waiver applications are available for review. Due to the size of the waiver application, DMS also posted summaries of specific updates to help stakeholders easily identify areas of review. All materials are available on the DMS Division of Long-Term Services and Supports website at <https://bit.ly/KYMedicaidLTSSInfo>.

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 name and your contact information.
- If you are **commenting on behalf of an organization or association**, 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 March 13, 2025, and April 13, 2025, as part of the waiver amendment process.

DMS is dedicated to recognizing and considering stakeholder input at any time. It is important to note that DMS continuously accepts comments about the waiver programs. Comments submitted before March 13, 2025, and after April 13, 2025, are addressed through DMS staff interaction.

You can request this document or the amended waiver applications in paper form by contacting the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov or by calling (844) 784-5614.