

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Department for Medicaid Services

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Kentucky Community Engagement 1115 Waiver



What is the Community Engagement Program?

- In 2025, Kentucky passed House Bill 695. This law instructs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to start a Community Engagement Program.
- With this new program, CHFS will automatically refer certain Medicaid members to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) for job support and coaching.
- The DWD will reach out to these members to provide information about job assistance.



Which Medicaid Members Are Impacted?

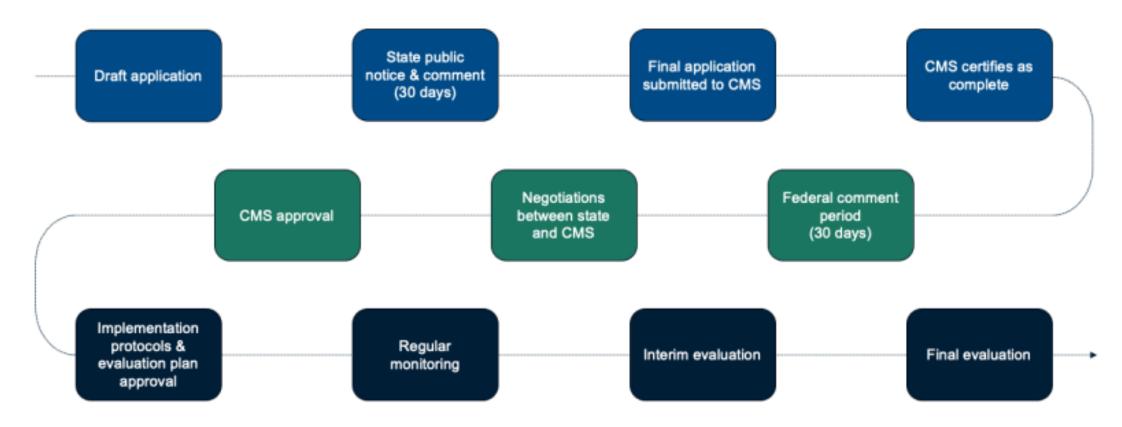
The Community Engagement Program will apply to individuals in the Medicaid expansion eligibility group who:

- Have been enrolled in Medicaid for more than 12 months.
- Are between the ages of 19 and 60 years of age.
- Are physically and mentally able to work as defined by the Cabinet.
- Are not caregivers of a dependent child under age 18 or a dependent disabled adult relative.



Figure 1

Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Application, Approval, Monitoring, and Evaluation Process



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Anticipated Post-Approval Timeline for the Community Engagement 1115 Waiver

- Implementation Plan: Submit 90-120 days post-approval; 60 days for corrections after CMS feedback
- Monitoring Protocol: Submit 120-150 days post-approval
- Evaluation Design: Submit 120-180 days post-approval
- Midpoint Assessment: Within 90 days after the third year after approval
- Final Evaluation Report: Within 18 months after the end of the Demonstration



Community Engagement Waiver Timeline

April 4- May 13: Develop Waiver

June 25: Submit Waiver to CMS

May 13-June 12: Public Comment Period



Dates to Remember

- Publish Draft 1115 Demonstration Application: May 13, 2025
- Conduct Public Forums: May 22 and May 23, 2025
- Submit 1115 Demonstration Application to CMS: June 25

